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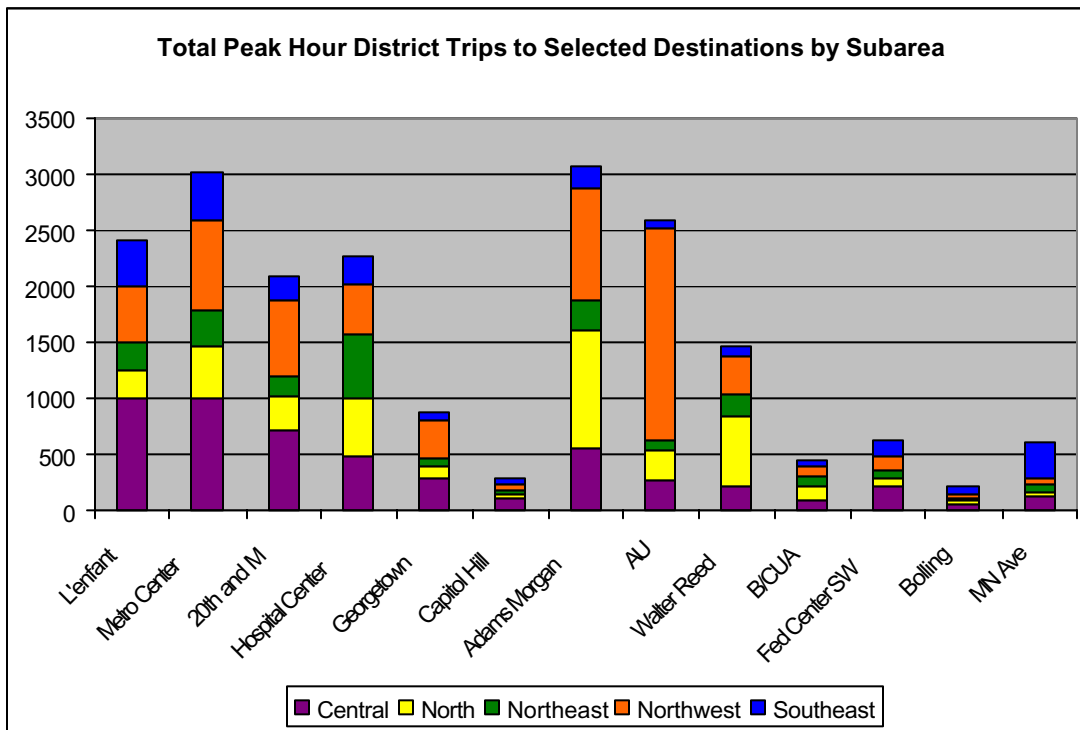


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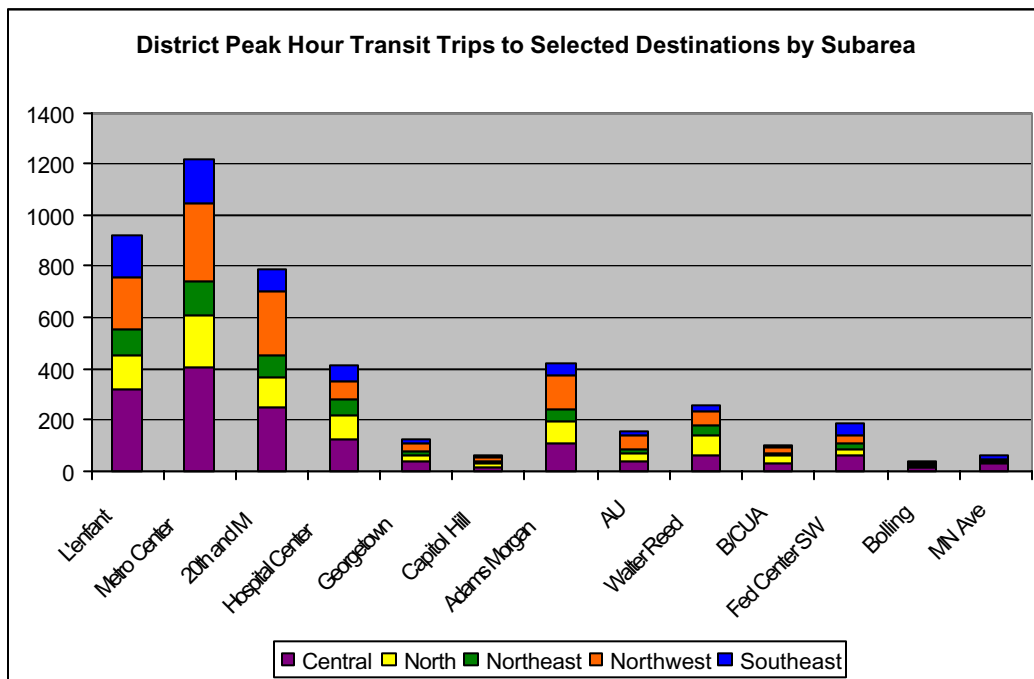


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Northeast	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.00	1.74	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.38	0.00	0
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RESULTS

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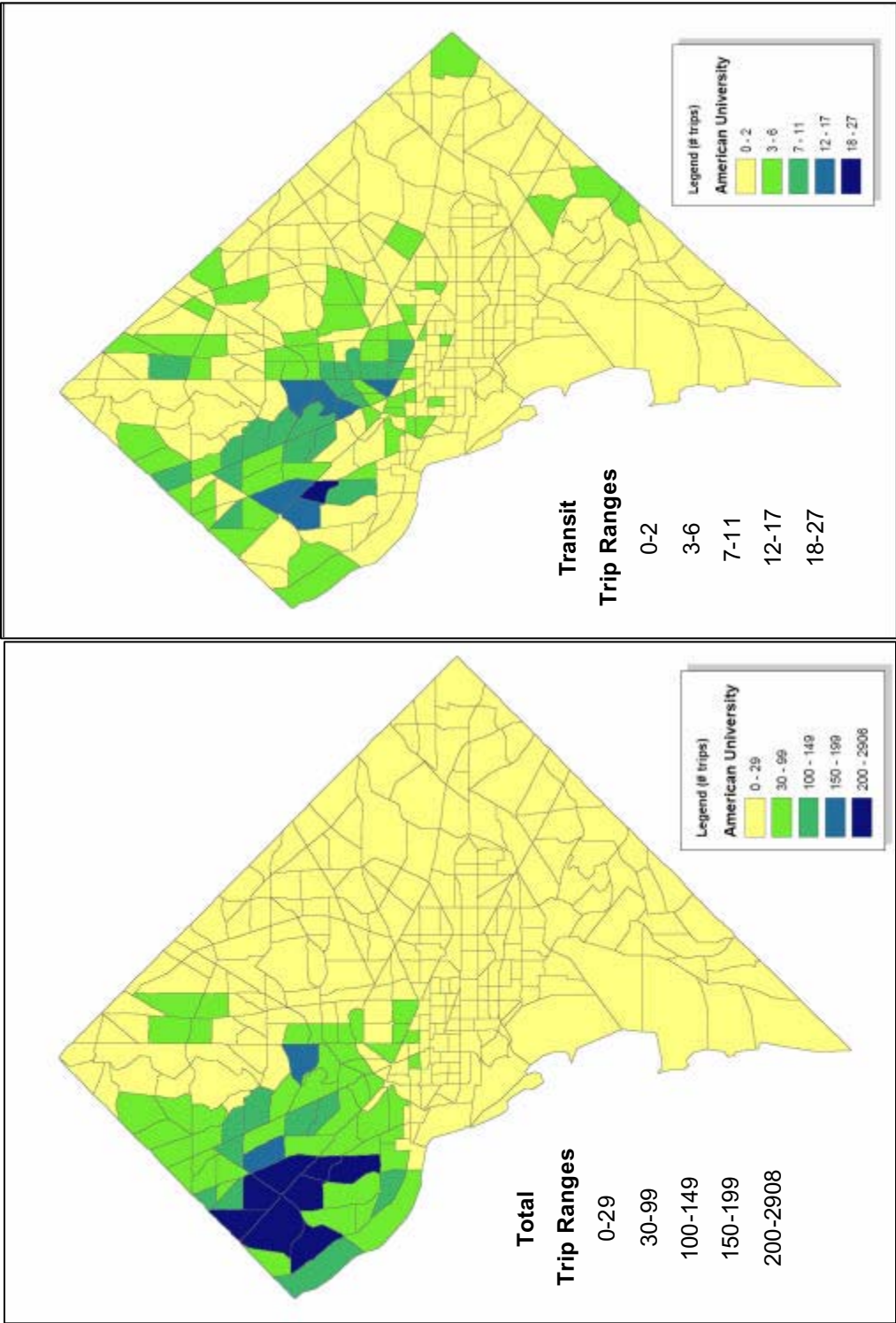
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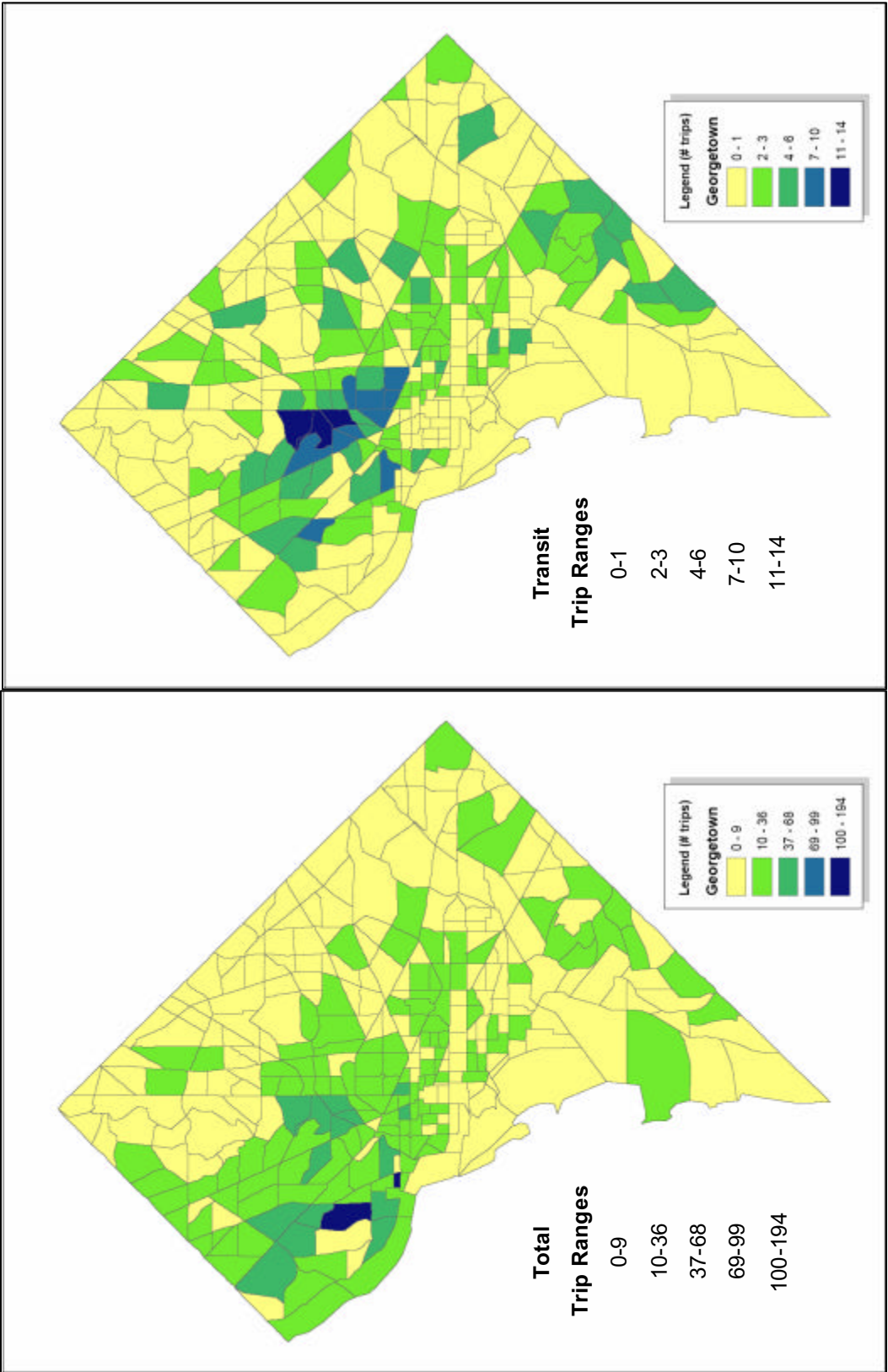
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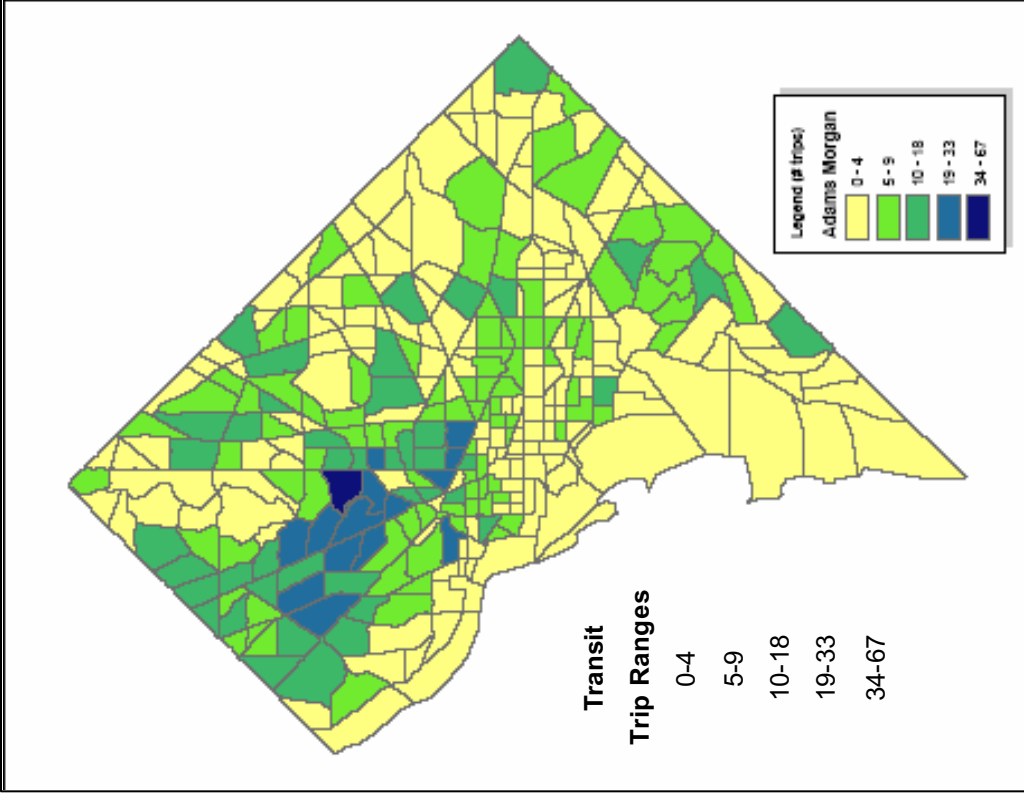
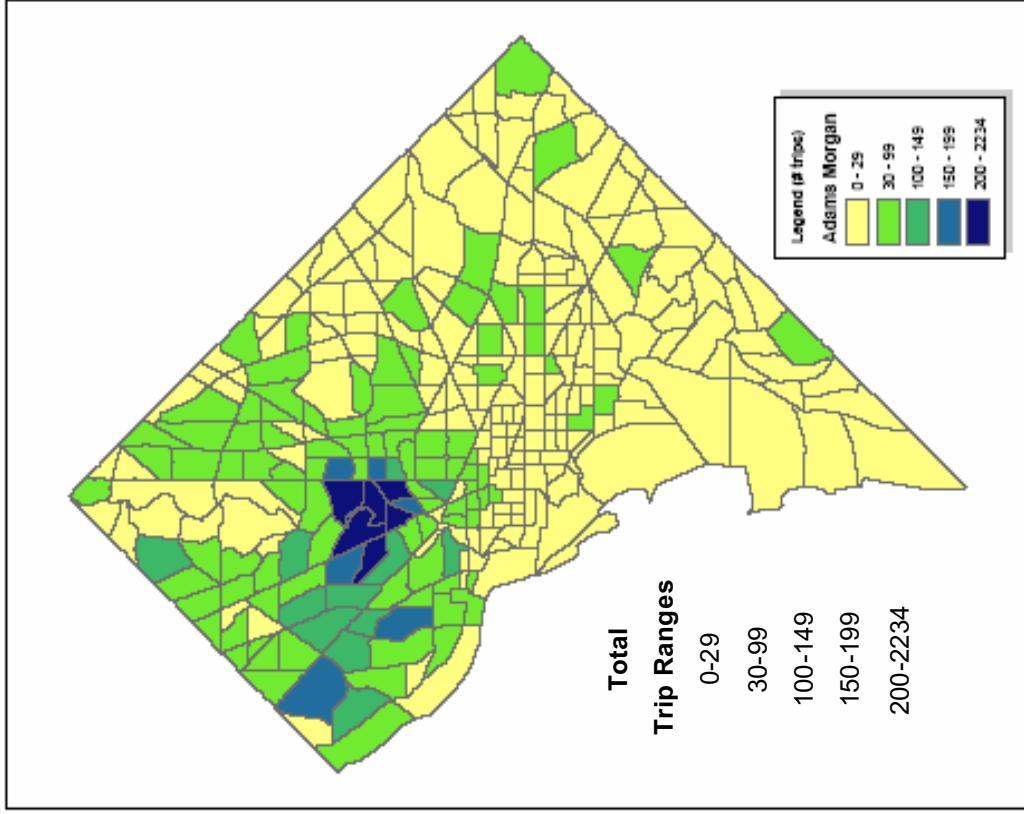


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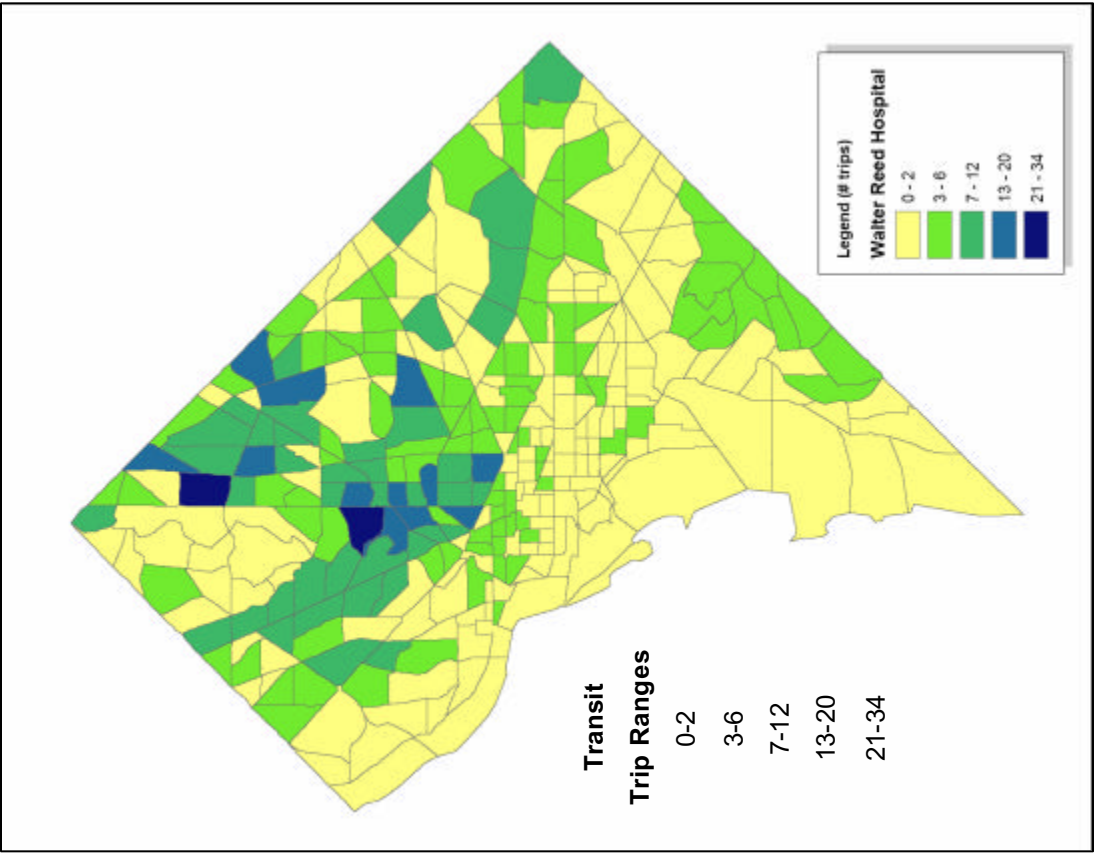
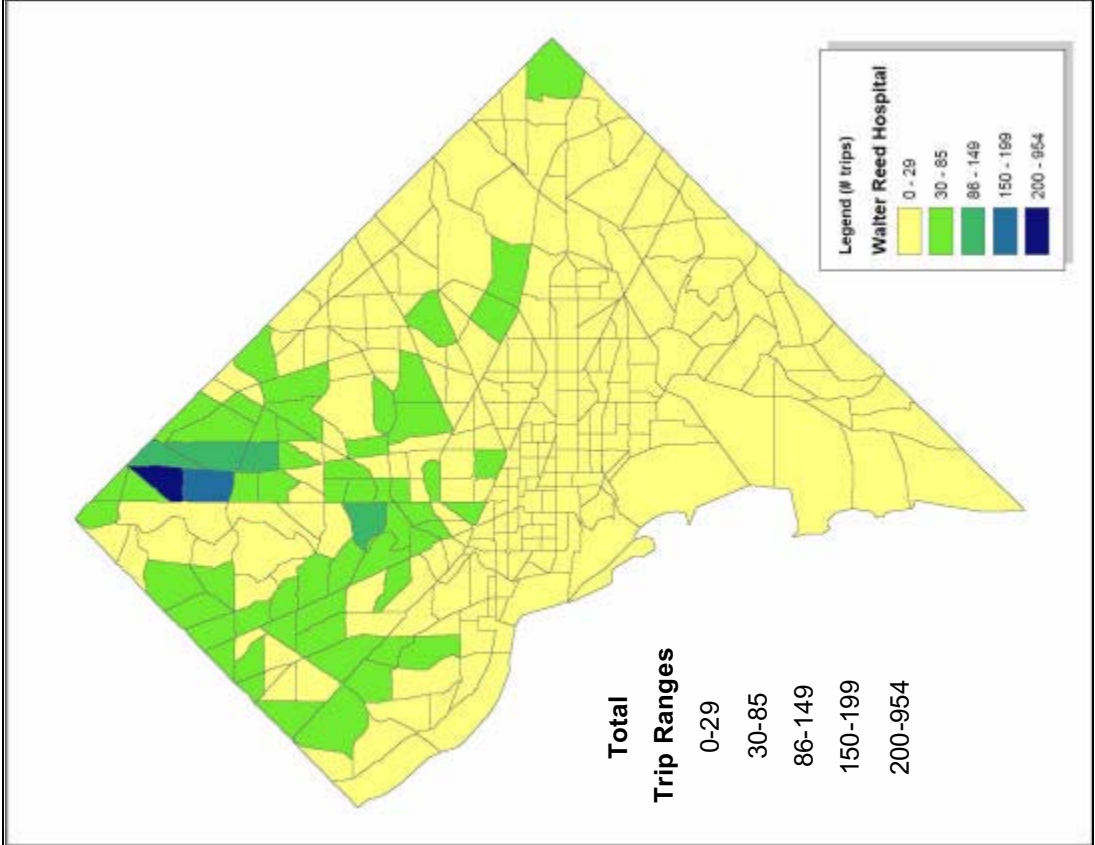
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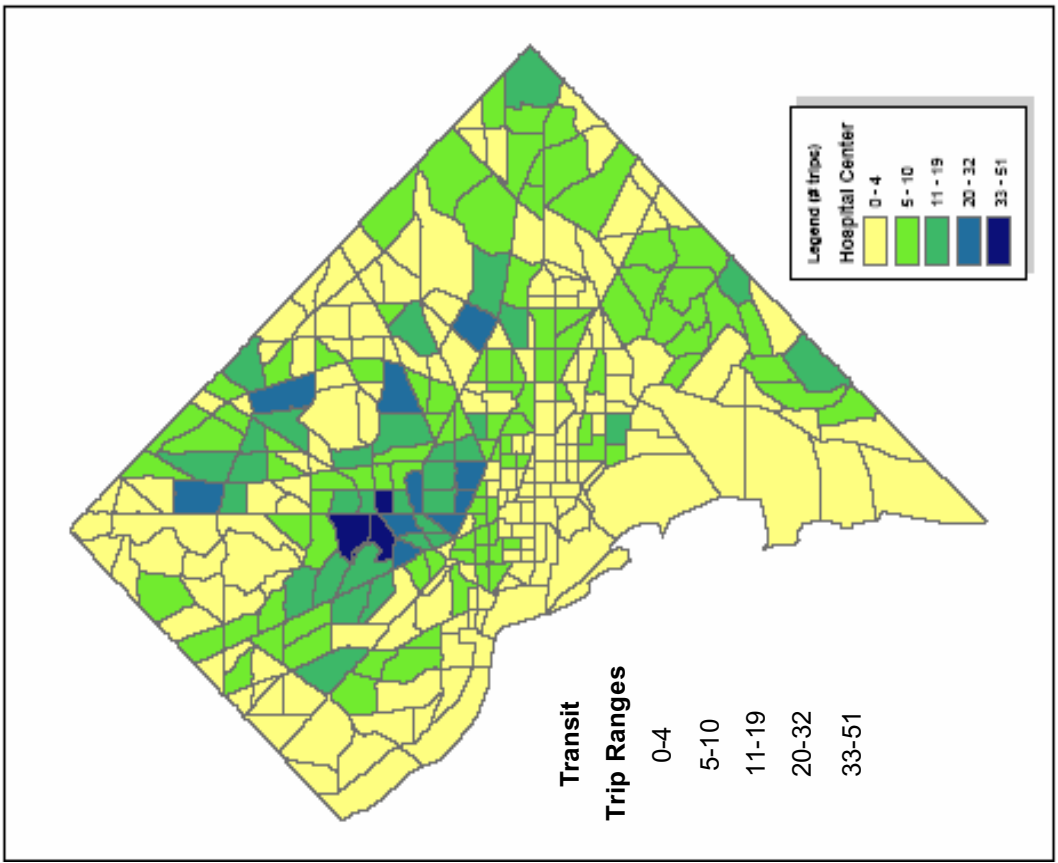
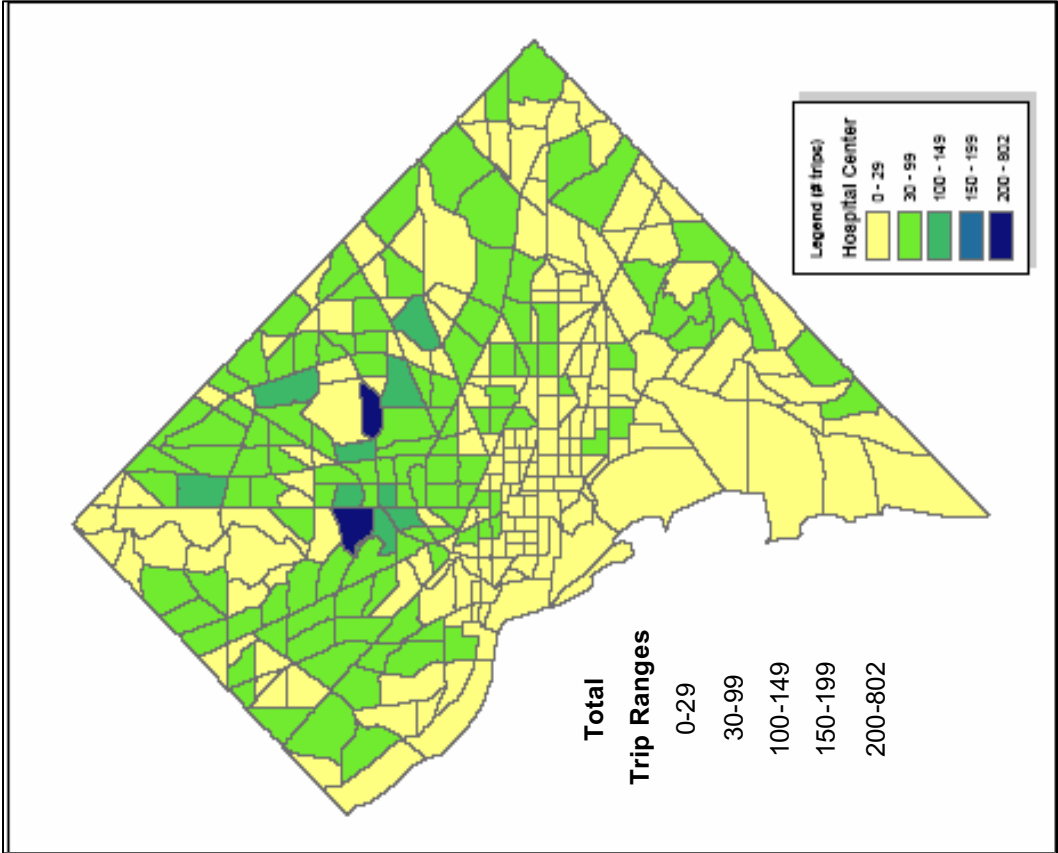
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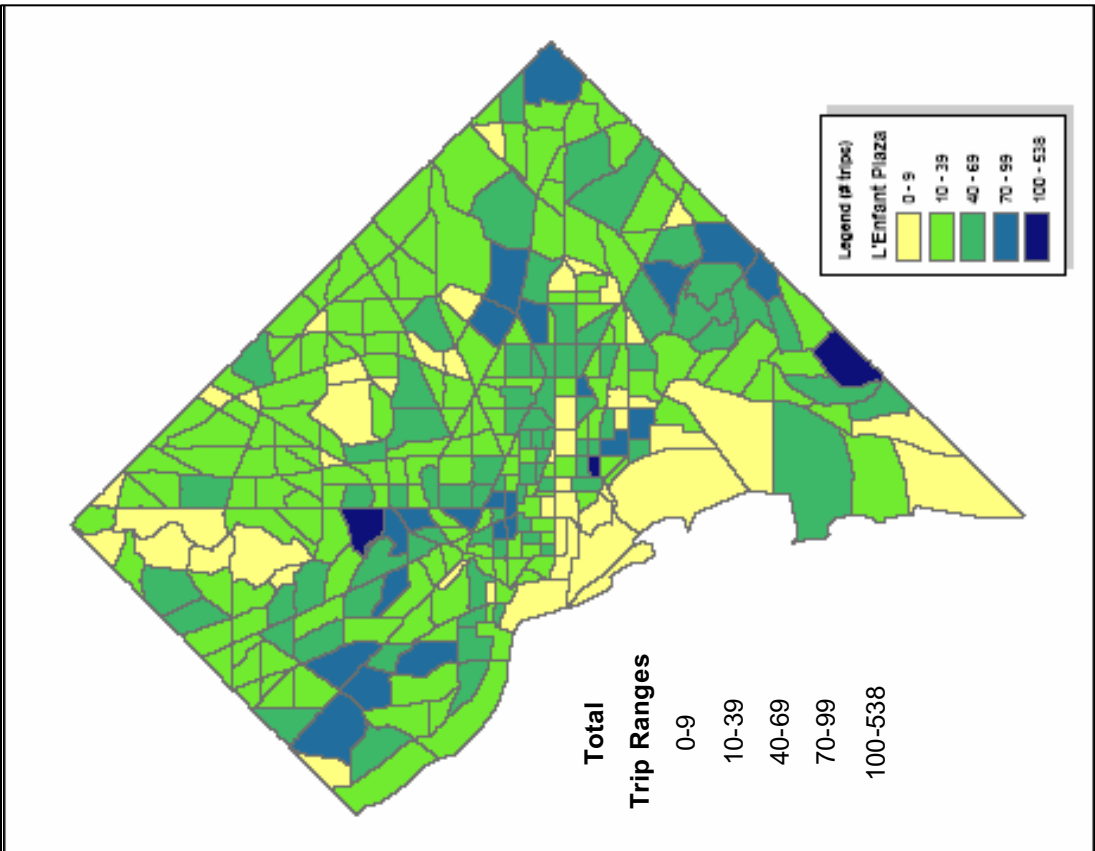


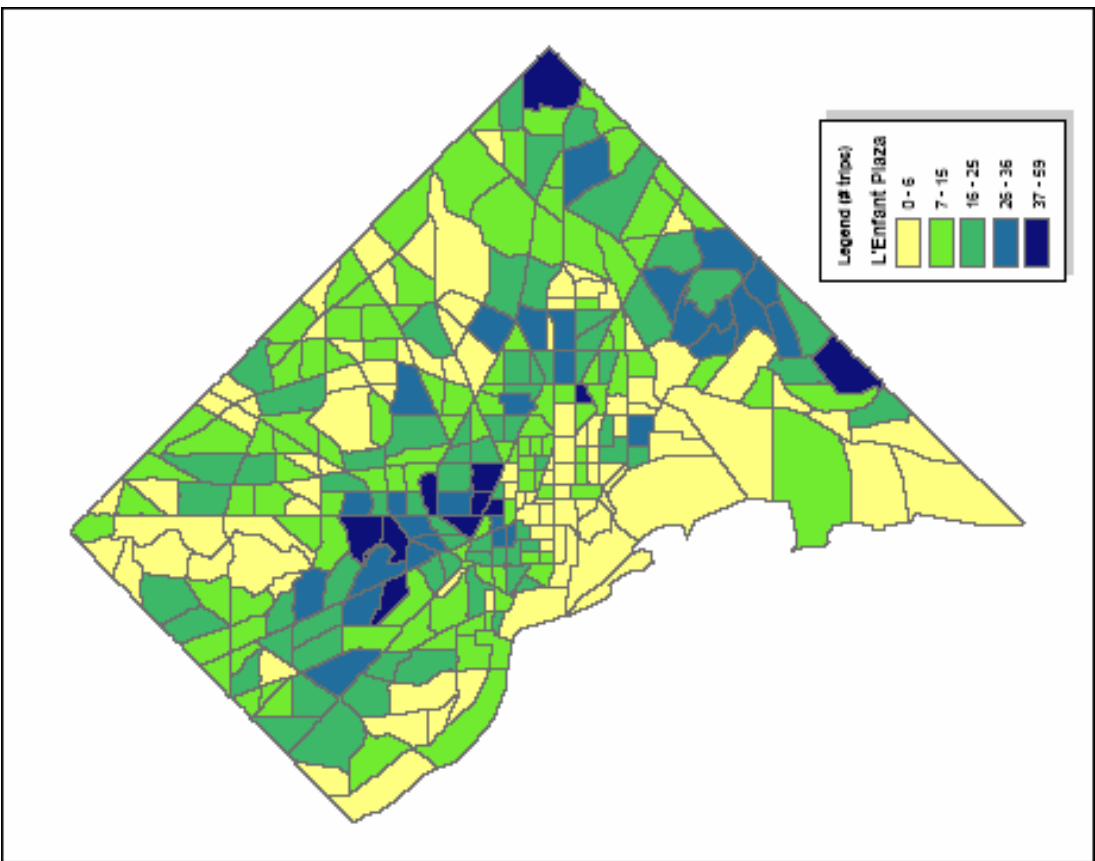
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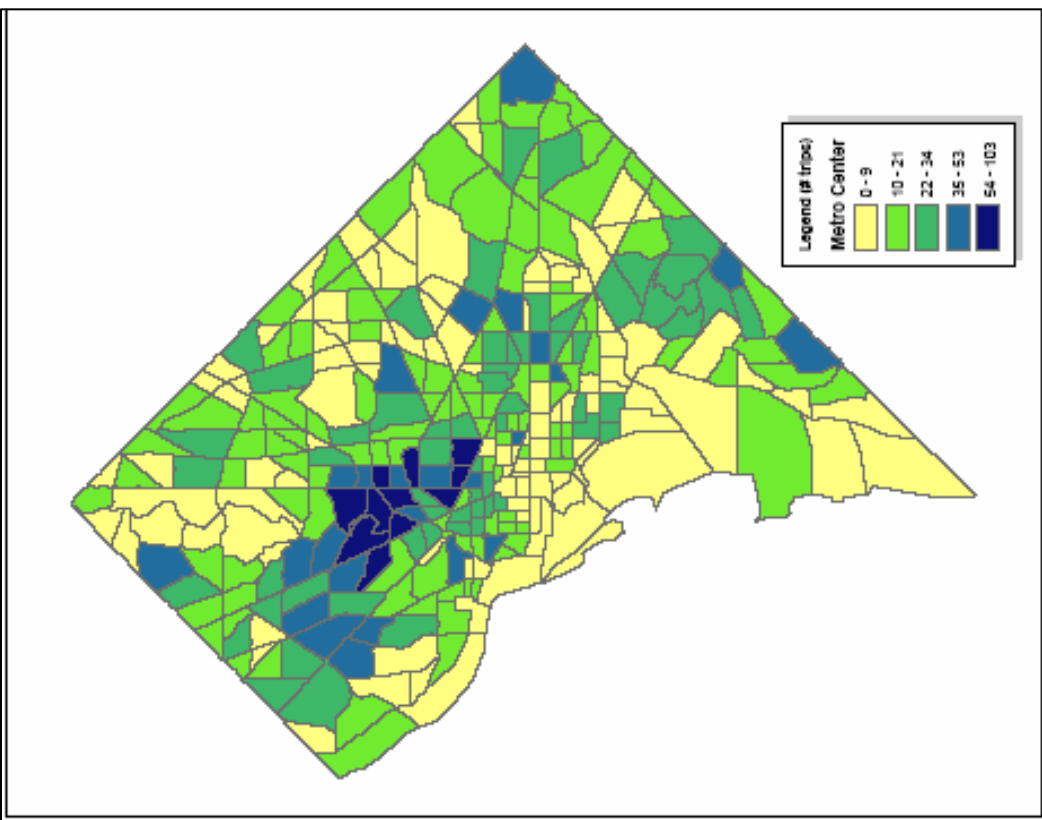
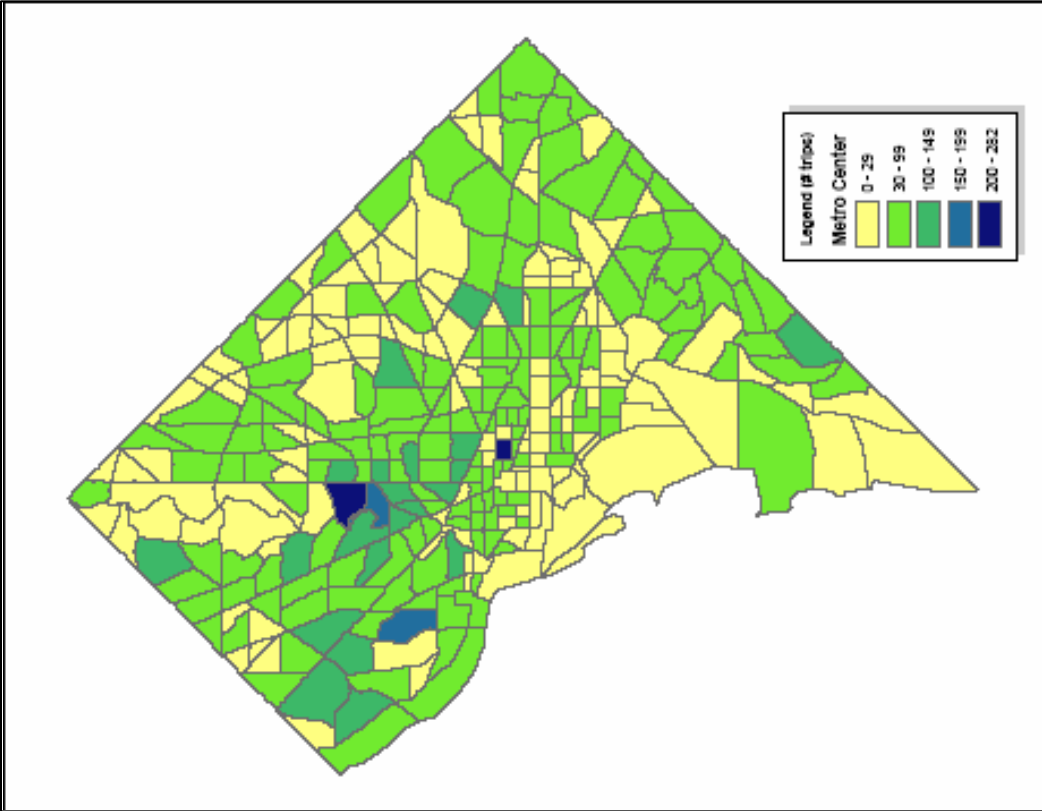
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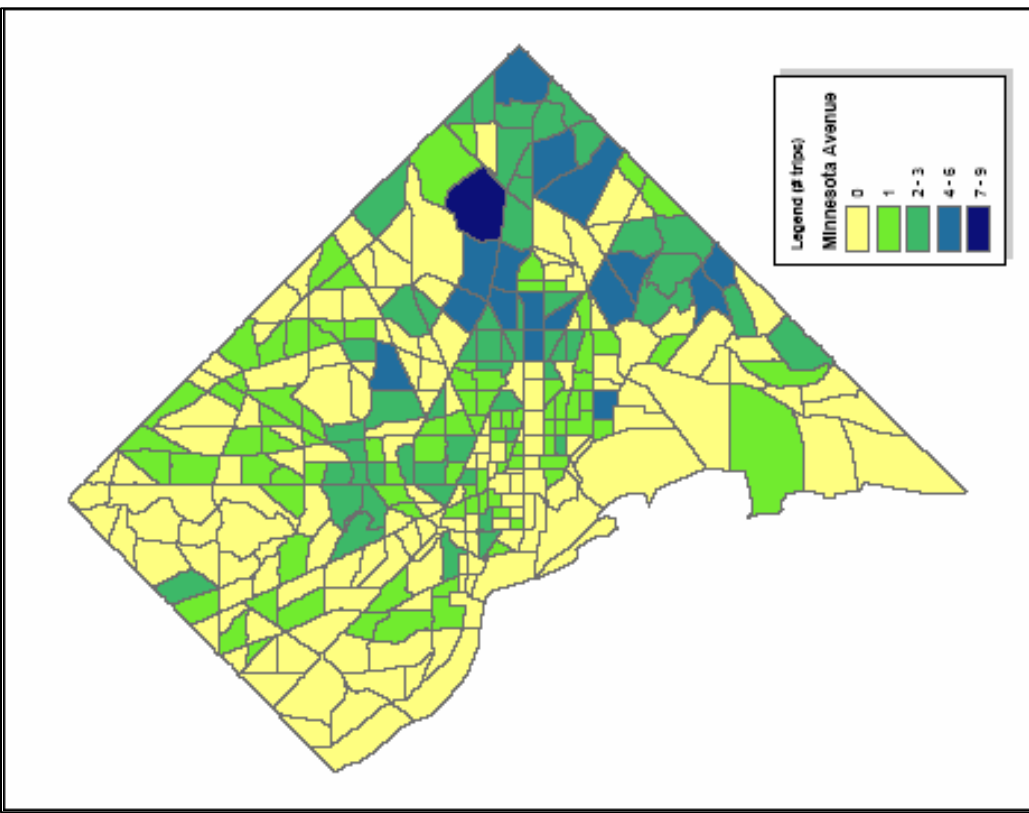
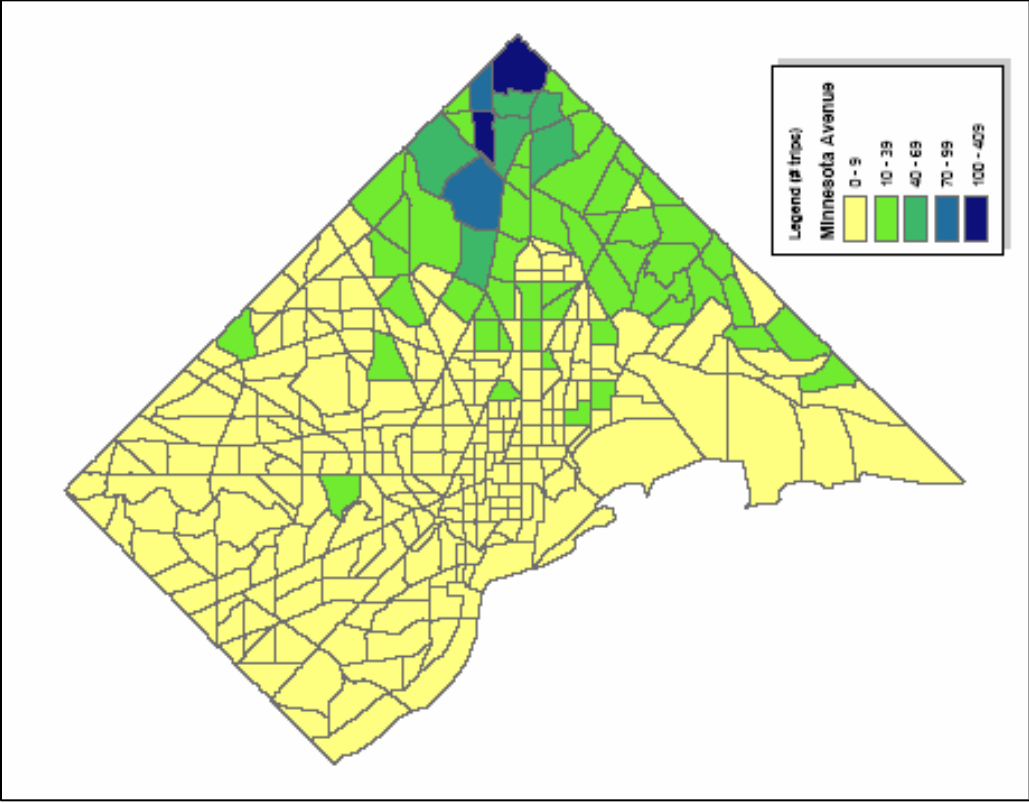




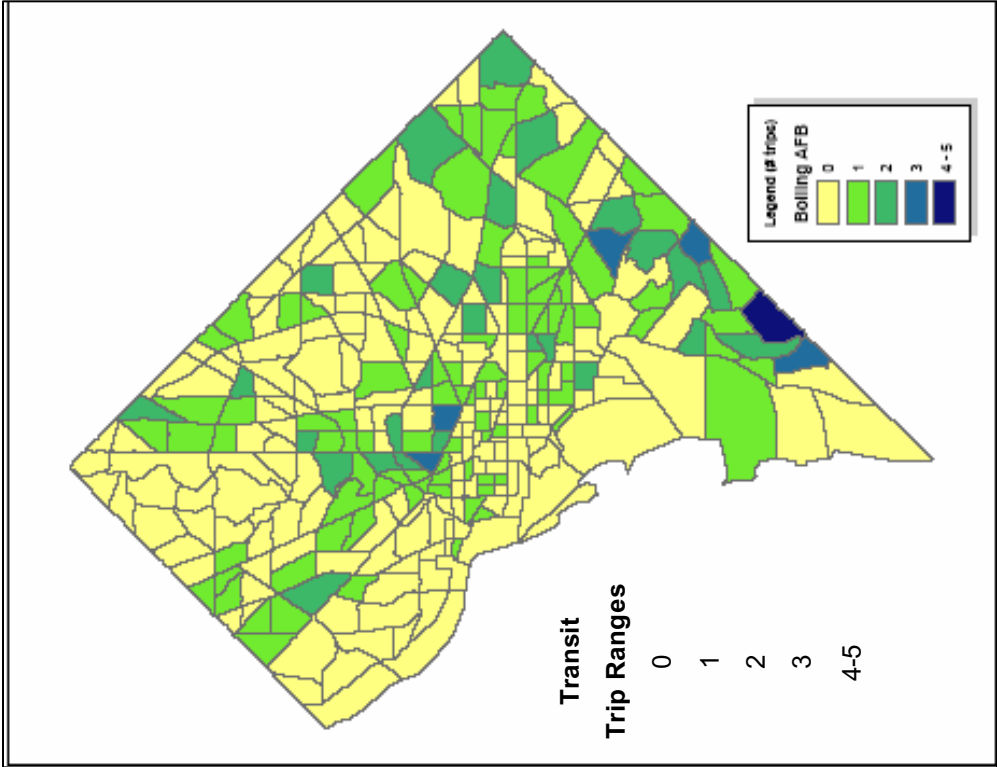
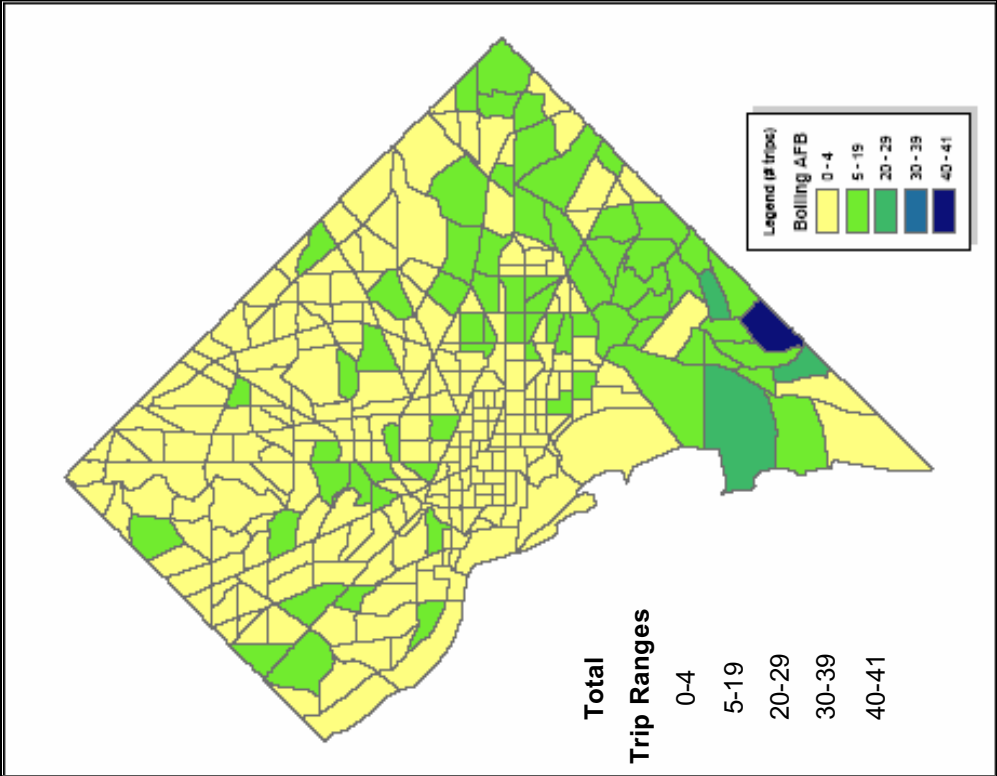
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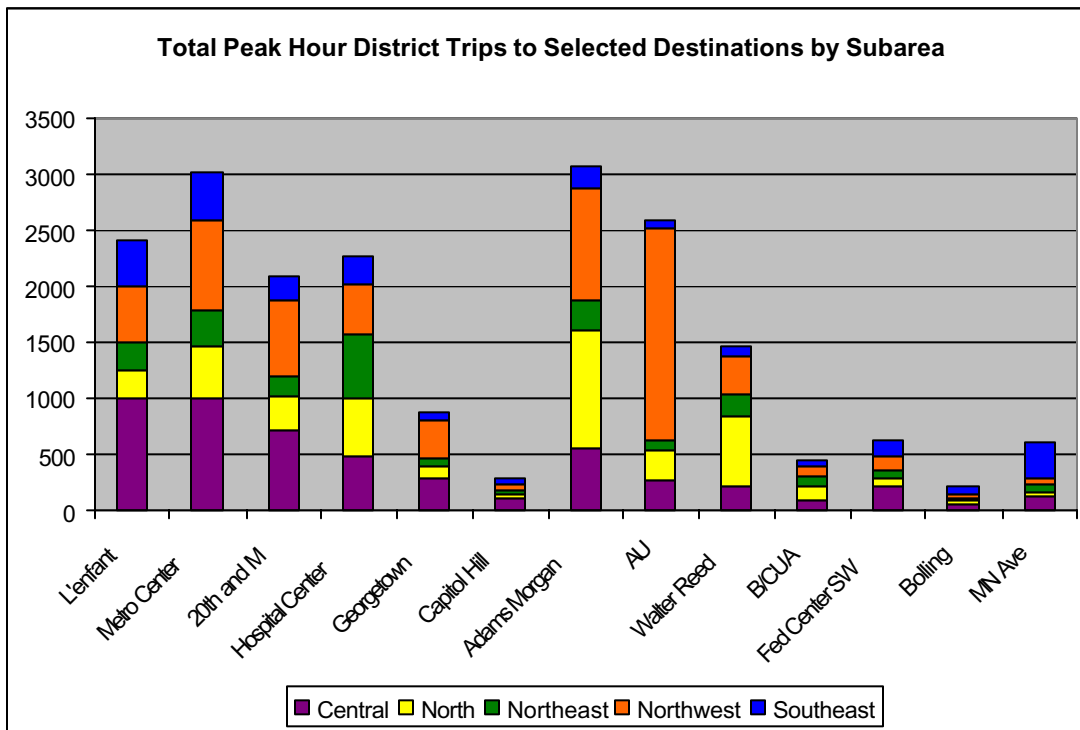


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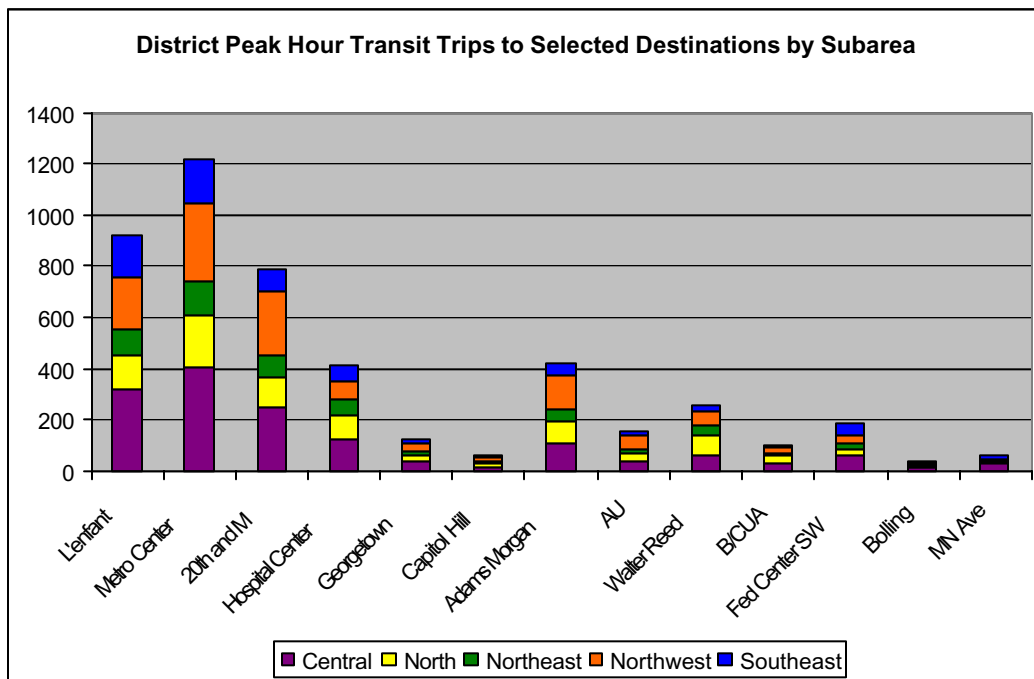


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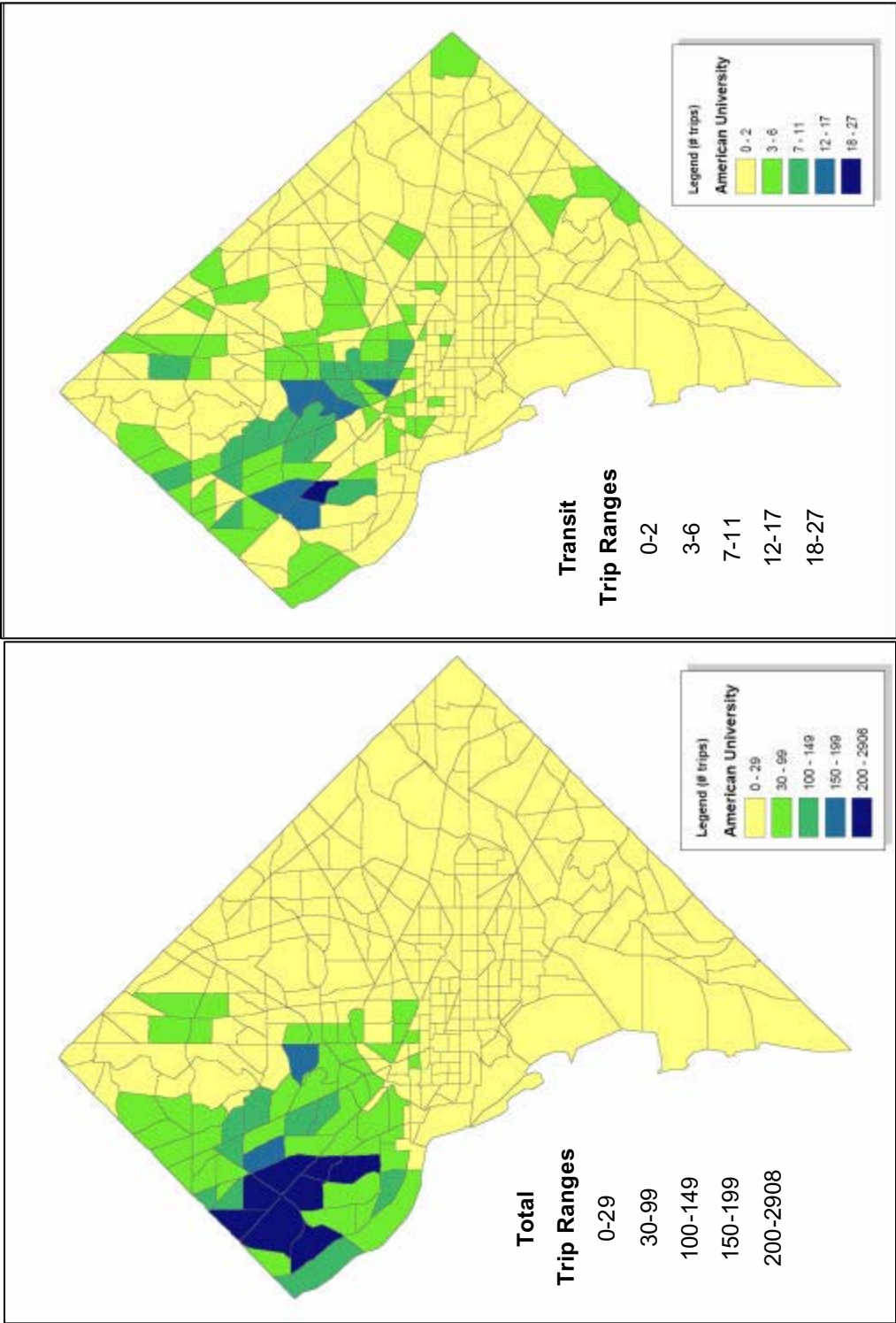
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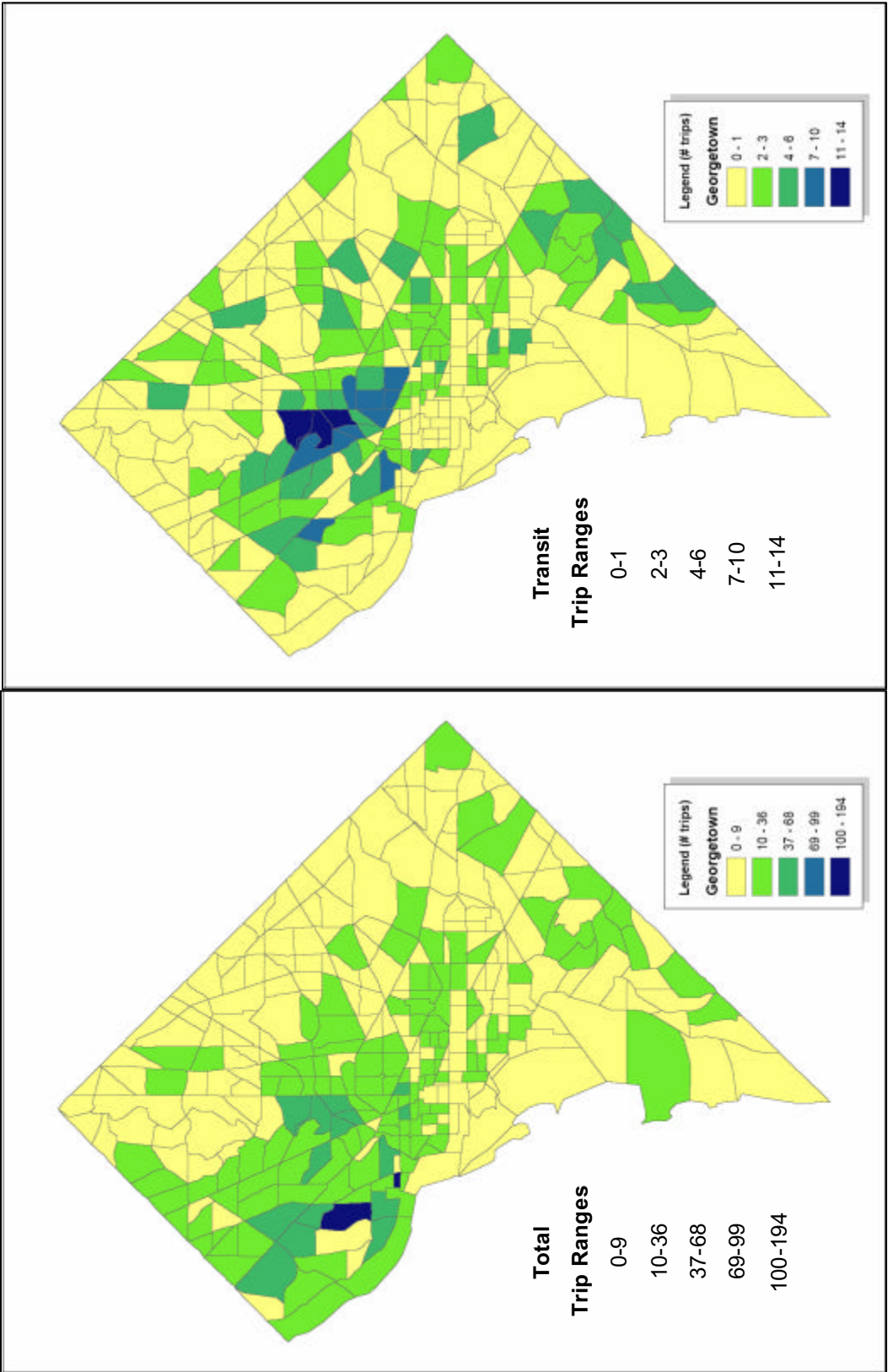
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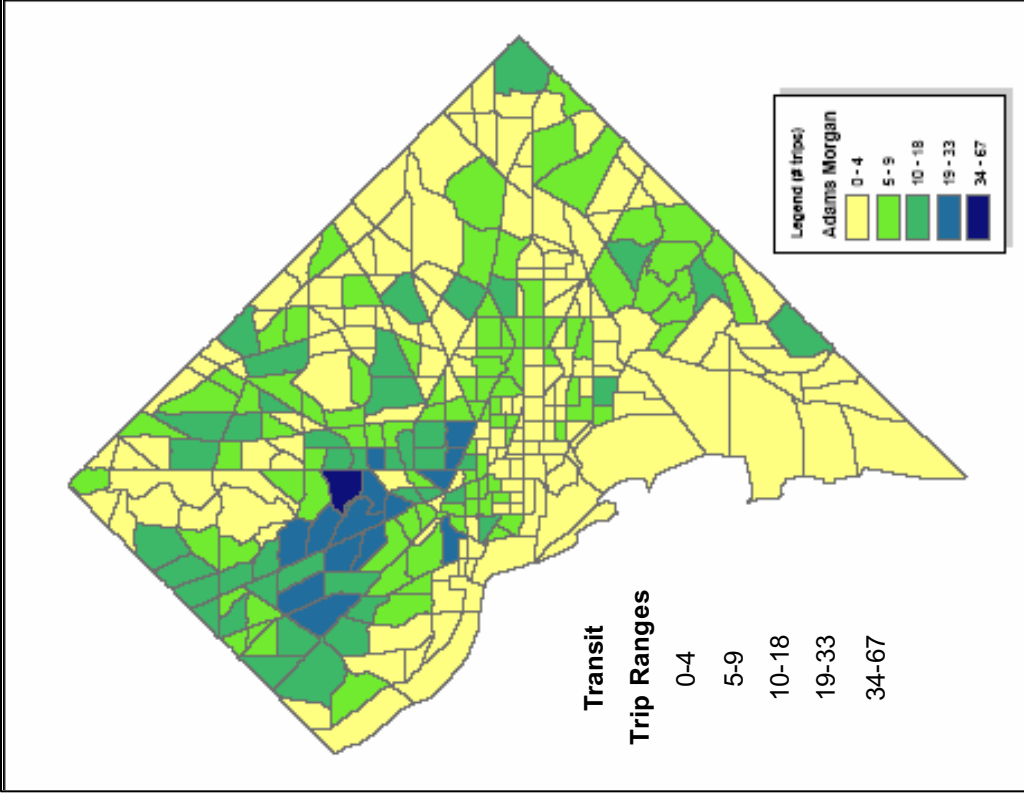
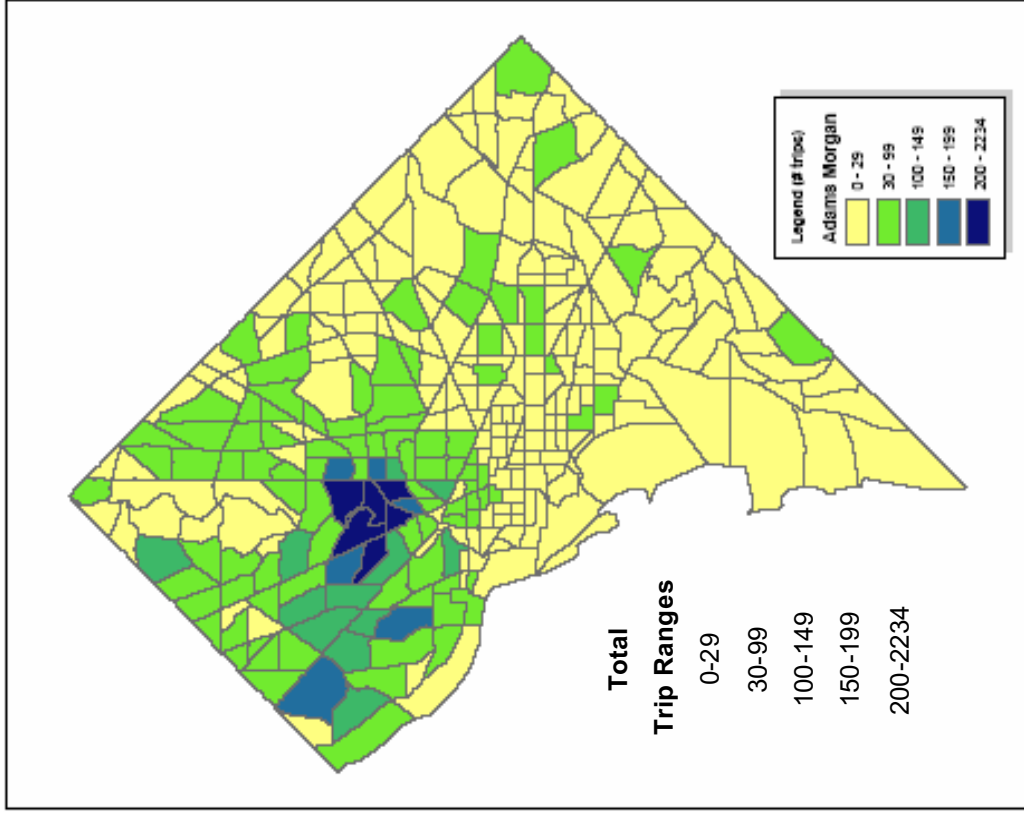


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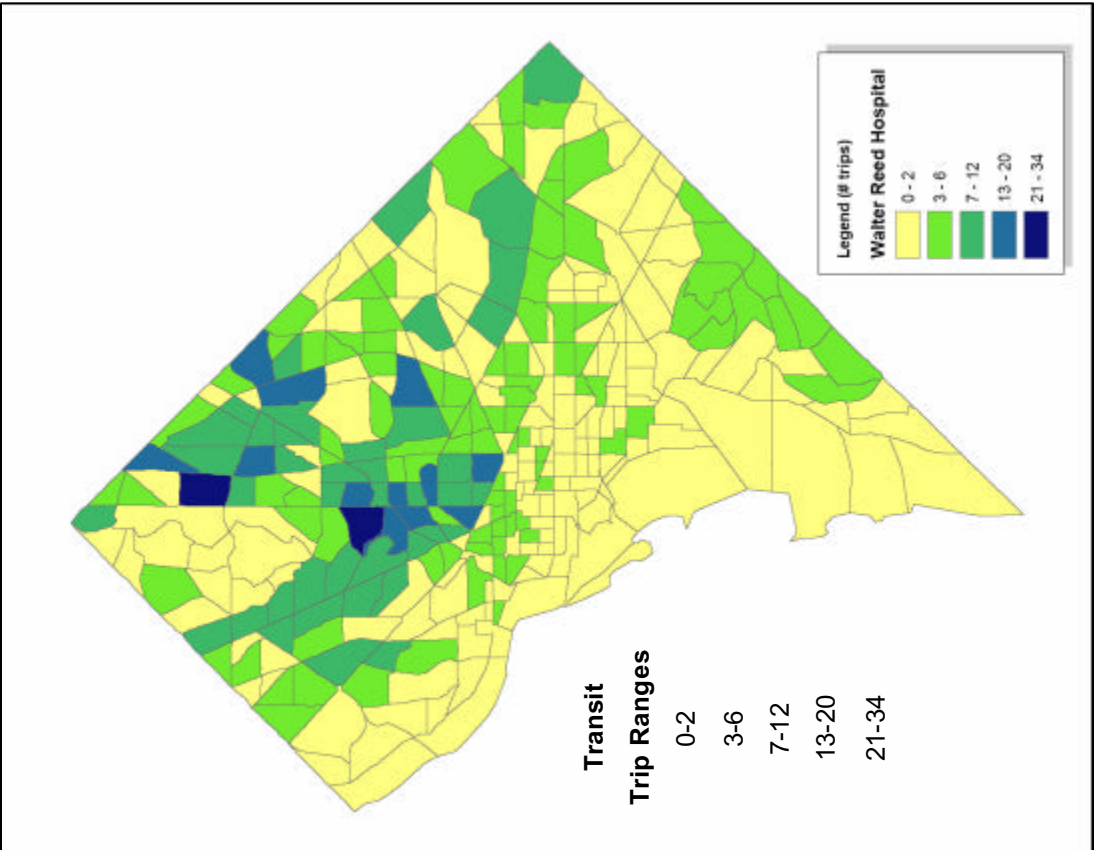
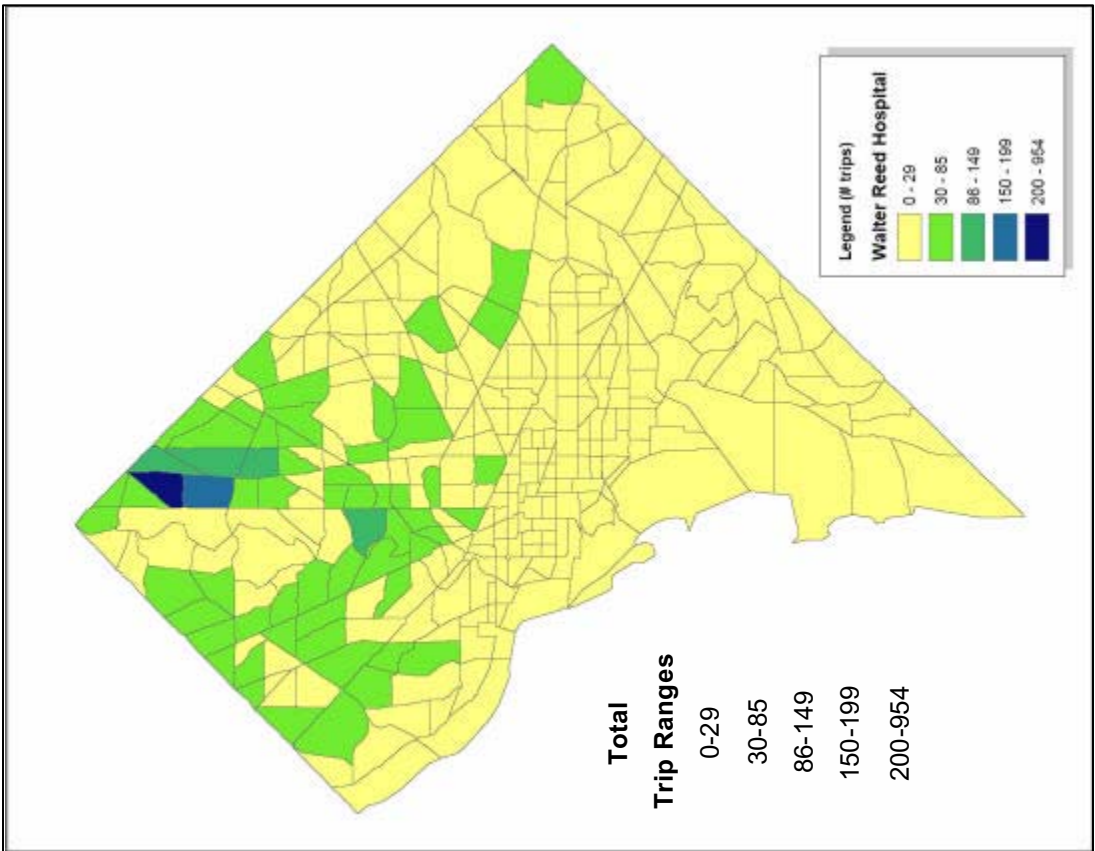


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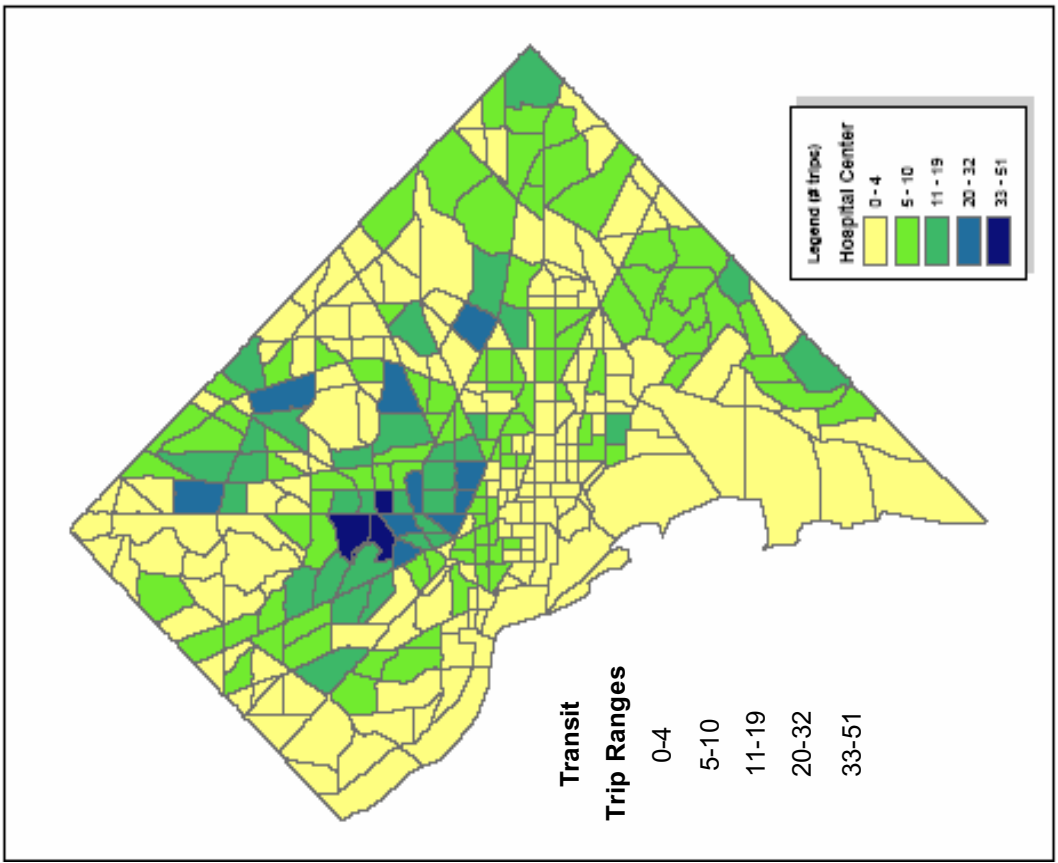
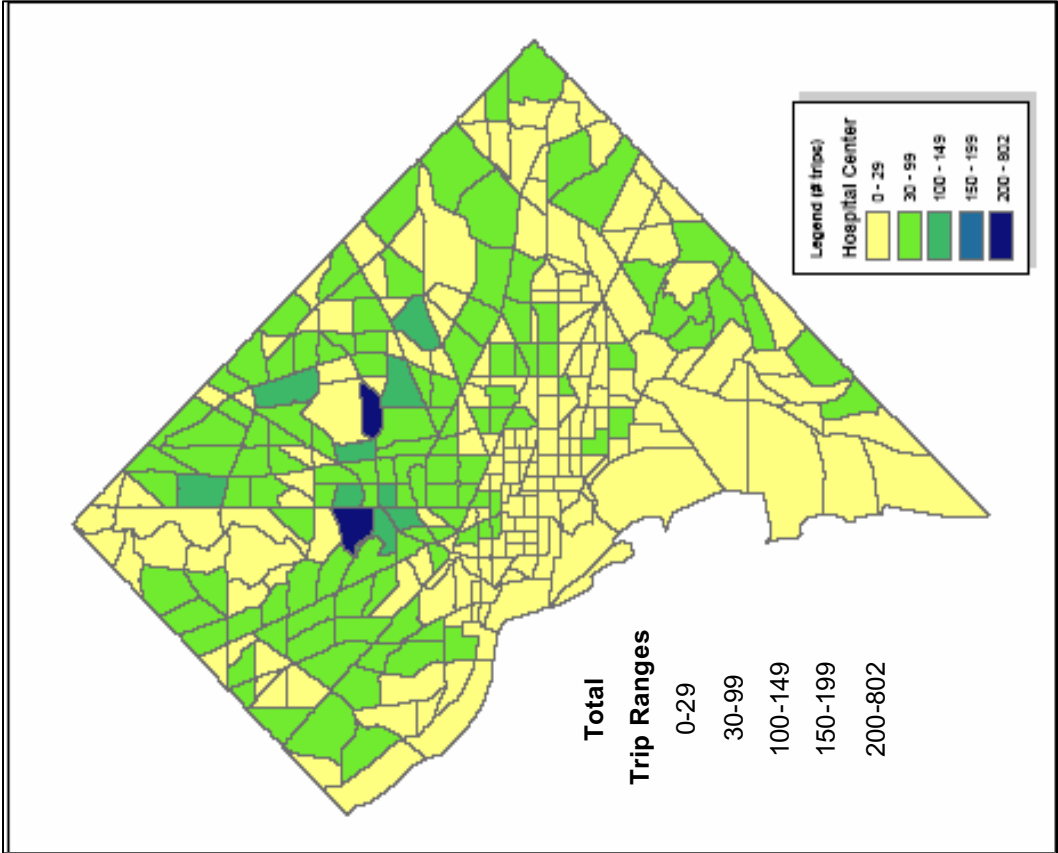


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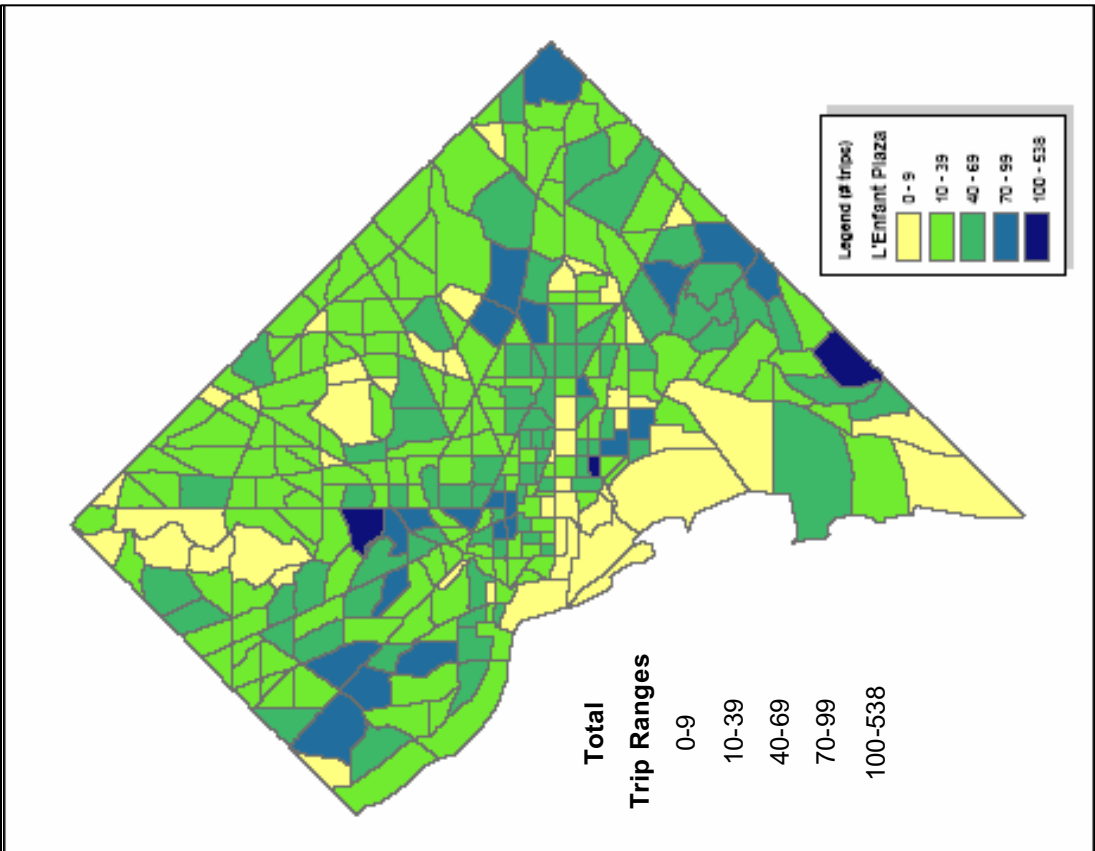


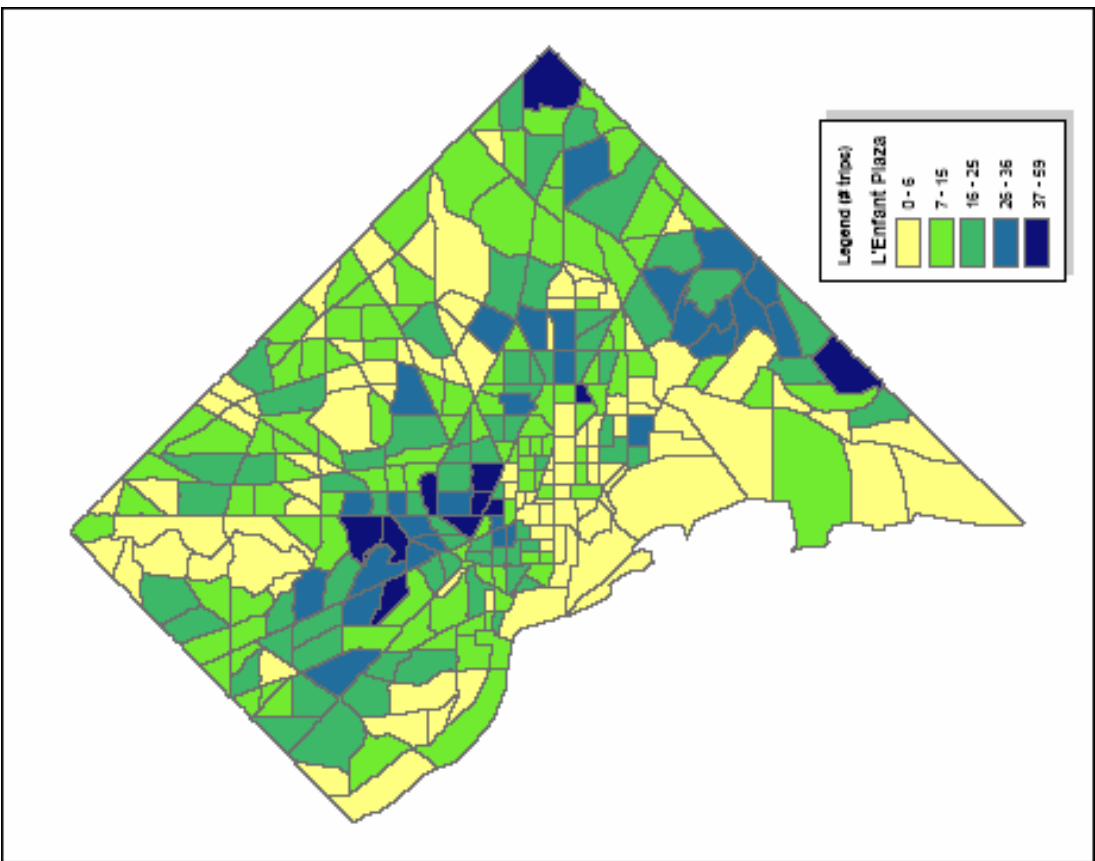
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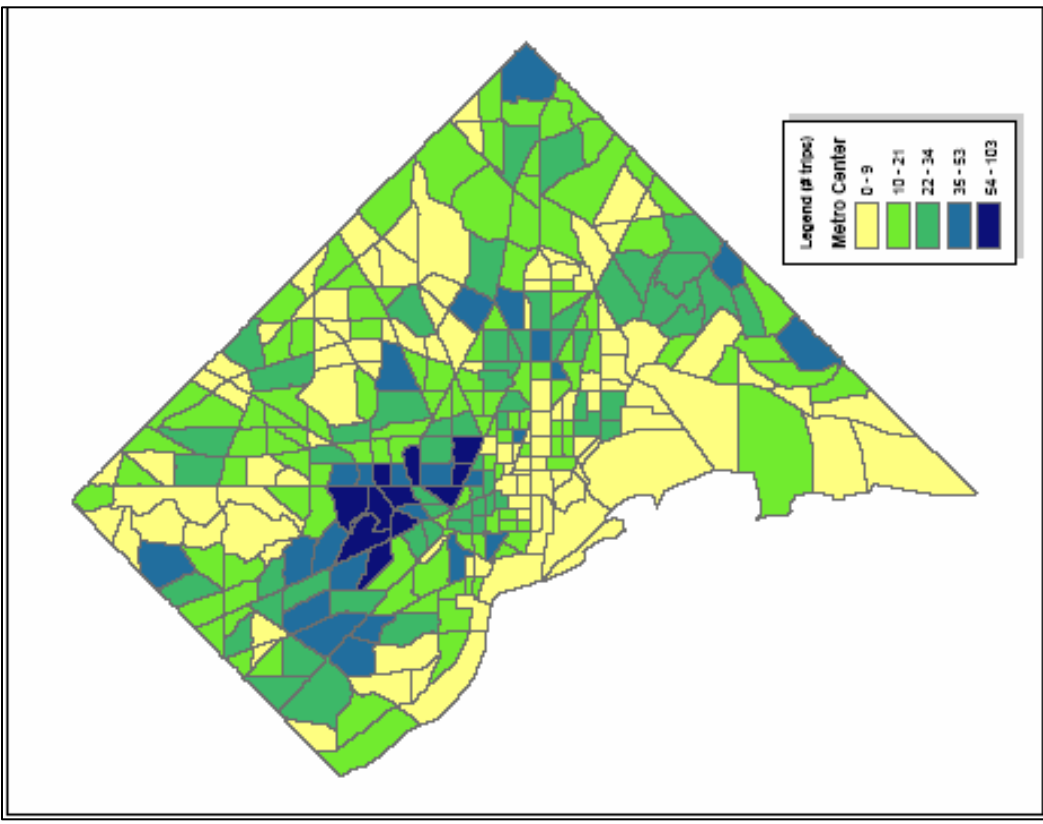
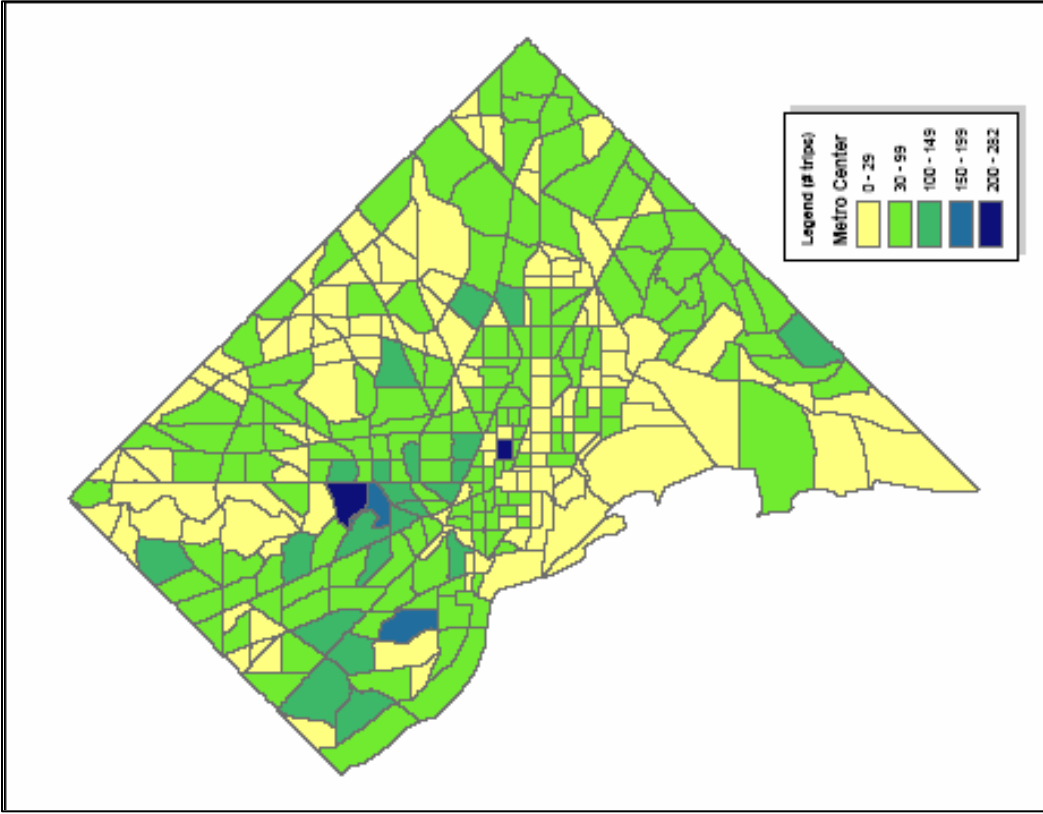
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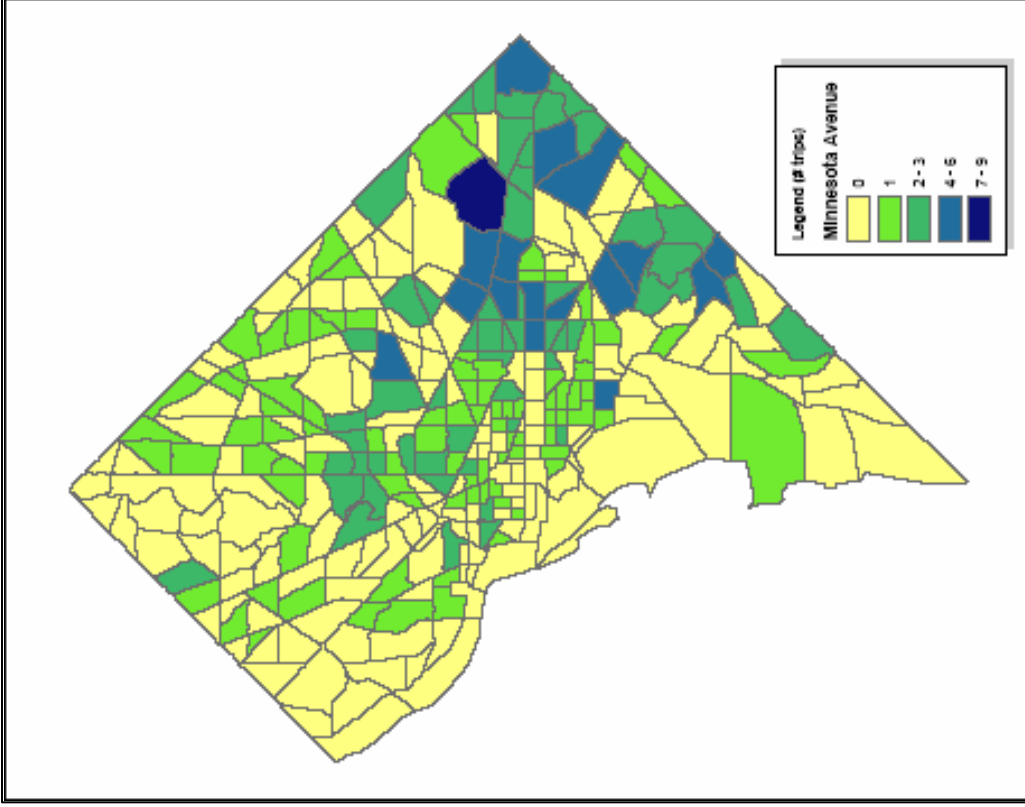
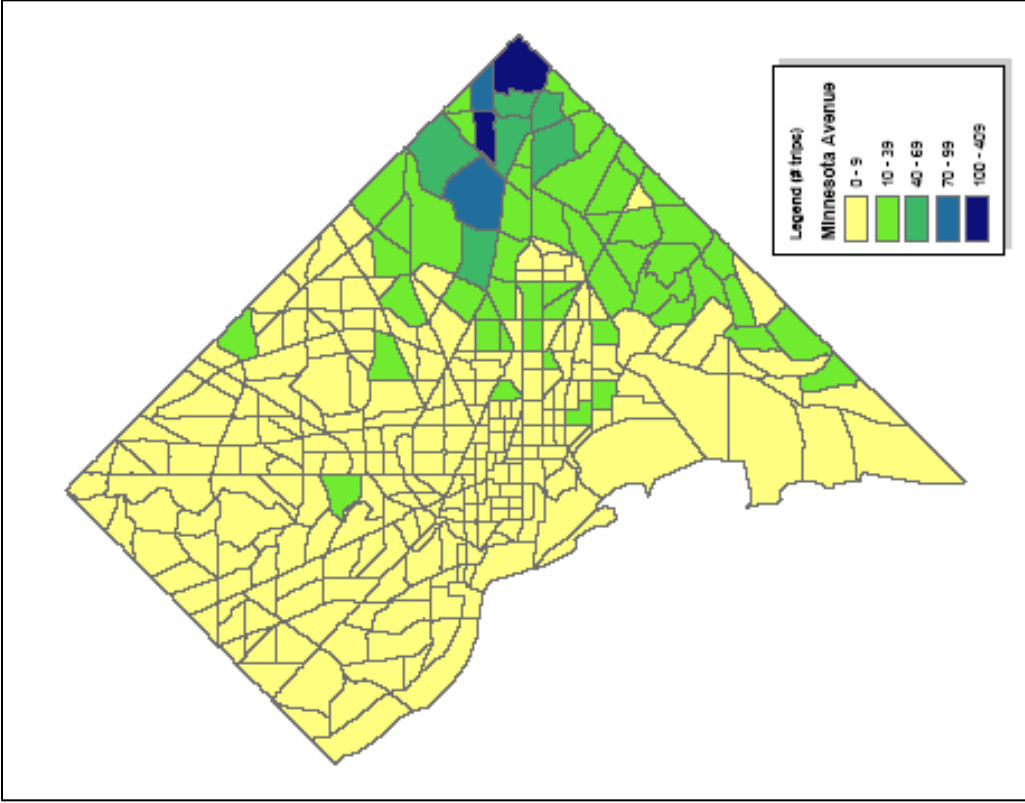




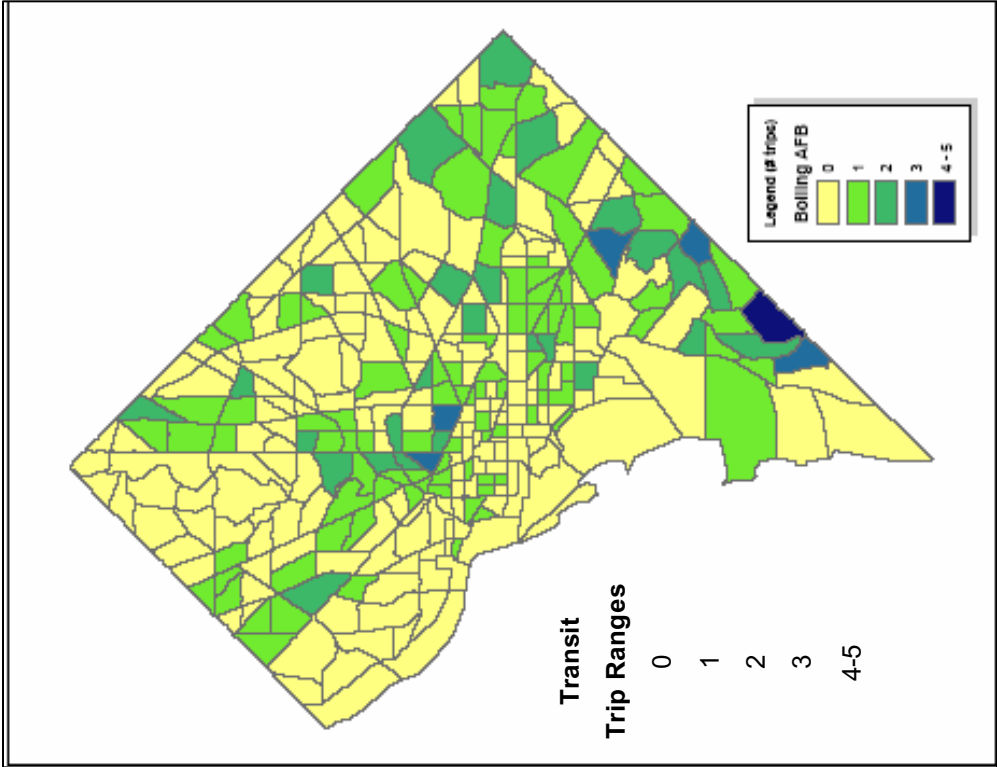
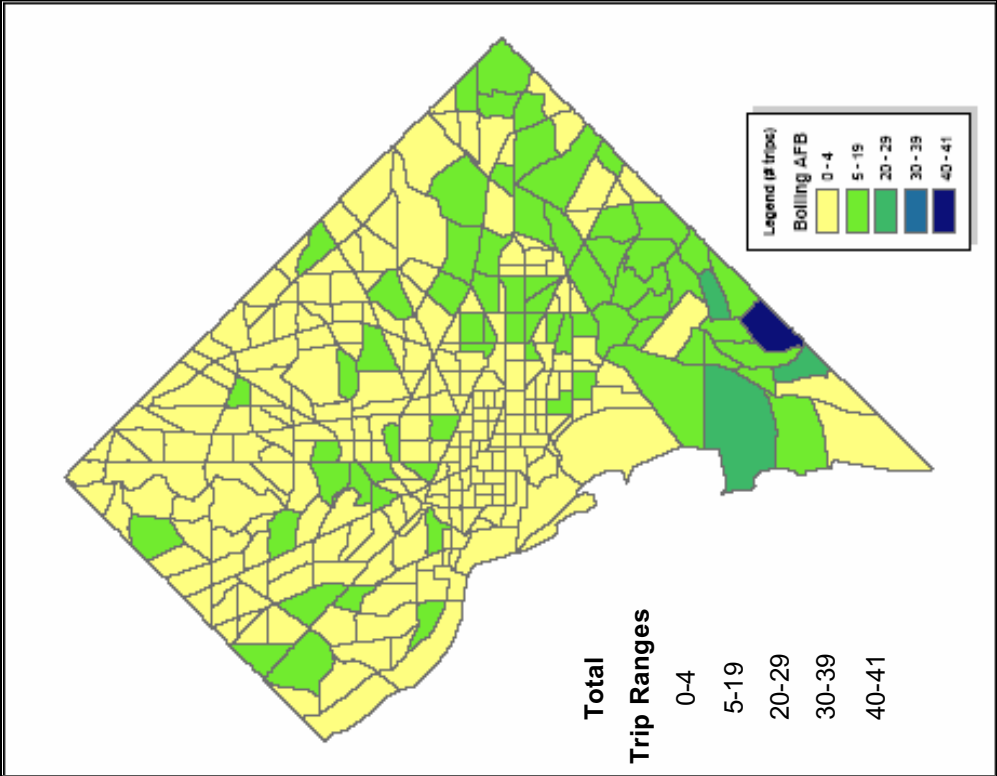
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APPENDIX C: CORRIDORS ANALYSIS BY CITY SUBAREA

Introduction

The District of Columbia and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority have recommended District corridors for future transit investment in plans and expansion studies since 1997. (These include the 2003 Regional Bus Study, 2001 District Transit Development Study, 2001 Core Capacity Study, 1999 Transit System Expansion Plan, and the 1997 District Department of Transportation Vision, Strategy and Action Plan.) As Figure 1 depicts, several of the corridor recommendations have been repeated from plan to plan. The District of Columbia Transit Alternatives Analysis has used a Needs Assessment, its first step, to review the prior corridor recommendations within the context of the District's existing mobility, access, development and community needs.

In order to recommend a set of priority corridors that will be further analyzed in the Alternatives Analysis, each of the previous proposed corridors was evaluated and subsequently classified as a near term or long term priority corridor. This analysis was conducted using a set of Needs Indicators that were developed in the Needs Assessment analysis as well as from comments received from cooperating agencies and the general public. The following criteria have been used to identify the location of the District's mobility, economic development, access and community needs:

- Current transit access,
- Current ridership,
- Current transit travel patterns,
- Current bus trunk routes,
- Potential to relieve crowding and augment corridor capacity,
- Agency consensus,
- Public comments,
- Potential to support economic development initiatives, and
- Potential to fit within a compatible built environment.

Each of the indicators was applied to the previously proposed corridors and the results were compared by city sub-area. The analysis was conducted by sub-area because the goals and objectives and needs indicators are oriented toward meeting neighborhood-scale mobility, access, development and community needs. A description of each city sub-area is outlined below.

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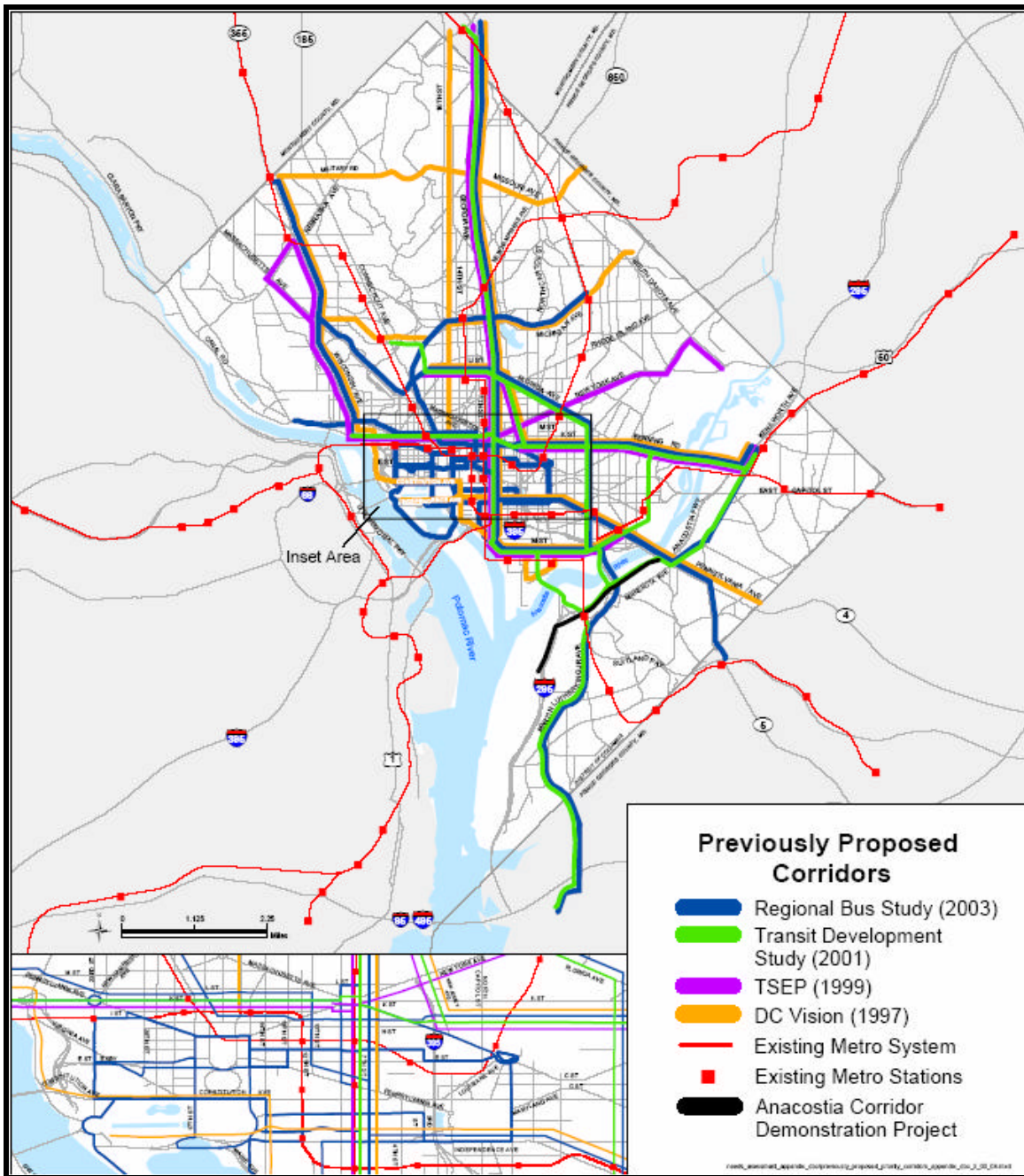
Northeast: Corridors in the Northeast would serve the area between New Hampshire Avenue and East Capitol Street.

Southeast: Corridors in the Southeast would serve the area southeast of the Anacostia River.

Central: Corridors in Central DC would serve area between East Capitol Street and the River, east of Rock Creek Park and south of M Street NW.

Figures 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12, presented later in the analysis, depict the corridors within each sub-area. (The sub-area designations were created only for this study and do not represent an actual political or official designation.)

Figure 1
Previously Proposed Corridors



Methodology

The analysis for identifying candidate corridors was conducted by comparing each corridor to the set of Needs Indicators described in the body of the report, and then comparing the results for each corridor to the results of the other corridors. The corridors compared in the analysis include:

- **14th Street NW:** From Aspen to K Street NW.
- **16th Street NW:** From Silver Spring to K Street NW.
- **Silver Spring to Anacostia:** From Silver Spring along Georgia Avenue/7th Street to Maine/M Street SW; northeast along Potomac, north on 19th Street SE to H Street and east on H Street/Benning to Minnesota Avenue Metrorail Station.
- **Upper East-West Corridor:** From Military and Nebraska in Northwest DC, east across Military to Missouri ending at Ft. Totten Metrorail Station.
- **Woodley Park to Stadium Armory:** From Woodley Park Metrorail Station, east across Calvert to Adams Mill, south on 18th Street NW to Florida/U Street, east on Florida/U Street to New Jersey, southeast on New Jersey to H Street, H Street east to 19th Street NE, and 19th Street south to Stadium Armory.
 - **Alignment Option:** From Florida/U Street, continue southeast on Florida to 8th Street NE, south on 8th Street to M Street SE/SW.
- **Woodley Park to Brookland:** From Woodley Park Metrorail Station, east across Calvert, to Columbia, northeast on Columbia to Columbia/Harvard (pair), east on Michigan, ending at the Brookland Metrorail Station.
- **Rhode Island Avenue:** Extending from 7th Street NW northeast to the District boundary.
- **New York Avenue:** Extending from 7th Street NW northeast to the District boundary.
- **Connecticut Avenue:** Extending from Dupont Circle northwest to the District boundary.
- **Massachusetts Avenue:** Extending from Dupont Circle northwest to the District boundary.
- **Wisconsin Avenue:** Extending from Lower K Street NW, northwest to the District boundary including a loop using Massachusetts Avenue and Nebraska Avenue.
- **Georgetown to Stadium Armory:** From the Georgetown entrance on Canal Street to 7th Street NW using K Street, and from 7th Street NW to 19th Street NE using H Street, with access to Stadium Armory using 19th Street.
- **Pennsylvania Avenue:** Extending from Alabama Avenue SE, northwest across the Anacostia River to Independence, and west on Independence to 7th Street SW.
- **Minnesota Avenue to National Harbor:** Extending from Minnesota Avenue Metrorail Station southwest to Pennsylvania Avenue using Minnesota Avenue, west on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Anacostia Corridor Demonstration Project right-of-way, south on the Anacostia Corridor Demonstration Project from Pennsylvania to Anacostia Metrorail Station, and south on Martin Luther King Jr Blvd/South Capitol Street from Anacostia Metrorail Station to National Harbor. (This also includes the southern end of the Anacostia Corridor Demonstration Project alignment that goes from Anacostia Metrorail Station to Bolling Air Force Base.)

The analysis comparing each corridor was both quantitative and qualitative. The quantitative analysis included the following criteria:

- Access: Determining the percentage of District employment accessible from the corridor within 40 minutes;
- Plans: Determining the frequency of the corridor's being recommended for investment in prior plans; and
- Ridership: Measuring average weekday ridership on existing bus routes operating within the corridors.

The results of the quantitative analysis were reported in numeric ranges or in numeric values.

The qualitative analysis included:

- Bus Trunks: Locating corridors with bus service with 6 minute peak service frequencies or greater;
- Capacity: The direct capacity relief benefit to existing Metrorail lines from parallel transit service;
- Streets: Comparing the corridor location to the location of streetcar neighborhoods;
- Growth: Comparing corridor locations to the locations of District development areas and initiatives; and
- Public: Comparing corridor locations to public preferences and insights.

The results of the quantitative analysis were reported using descriptive terms, such as the names of adjacent development projects or the names of proximate Metrorail lines.

Figure 2 indicates how each of the quantitative and qualitative measures were reported and entered into a comparison matrix.

Although quantitative and qualitative indicators were considered, the analysis did not weigh any one Needs Indicator above the others. Instead, the combination of applicable Needs Indicators was more important to a corridor's potential for advancement. Therefore, the corridors that indicated the greatest potential to meet the identified needs for the District were advanced as "near term priority corridors." The corridors that exhibited some of the indicated needs, but less than the near term priority corridors were classified as long term priority corridors. This designation indicates that while they will not be advanced into the Alternatives Analysis immediately, they exhibit enough needs to merit analysis in the future.

Upon completion of the analysis, the results were presented to the project Project Management Team as well as to District planners from the Office of Planning and the Department of Transportation. As a result of these meetings, the methodology and conclusions were validated, and the potential corridor alignments were refined slightly.

Reporting

To designate each corridor classification, the analysis is also color coded. Near term priority corridors appear in blue. Long term priority corridors appear in gold. The results are presented by city sub-area.

A discussion of how the corridors changed as a result of agency coordination concludes this appendix.

Figure 2
Corridors Comparison Matrix

Heading	Needs Indicator	Entry symbols
Access	% District employment within 40 minutes of transit travel time from the corridor	Maximum % given
Trunk	6 minute or greater service frequency	Metrobus routes listed
METRO	Direct benefit to corridor capacity from service that parallels Metrorail	Metrorail lines given
Plans	Recommended in prior plans	Plan dates given
Public	Recommended by the public	○ = not recommended ◐ = recommended ● = recommended often
Growth	Proximate to development project areas	Project names given
Streets	Historic streetcar neighborhood, commercial corridor	Yes= historic streetcar line No= no prior streetcar service
Riders	Average daily riders	Specific numbers given

Northwest

Potential corridors proposed between the Potomac River and Rock Creek Park, north of downtown, include:

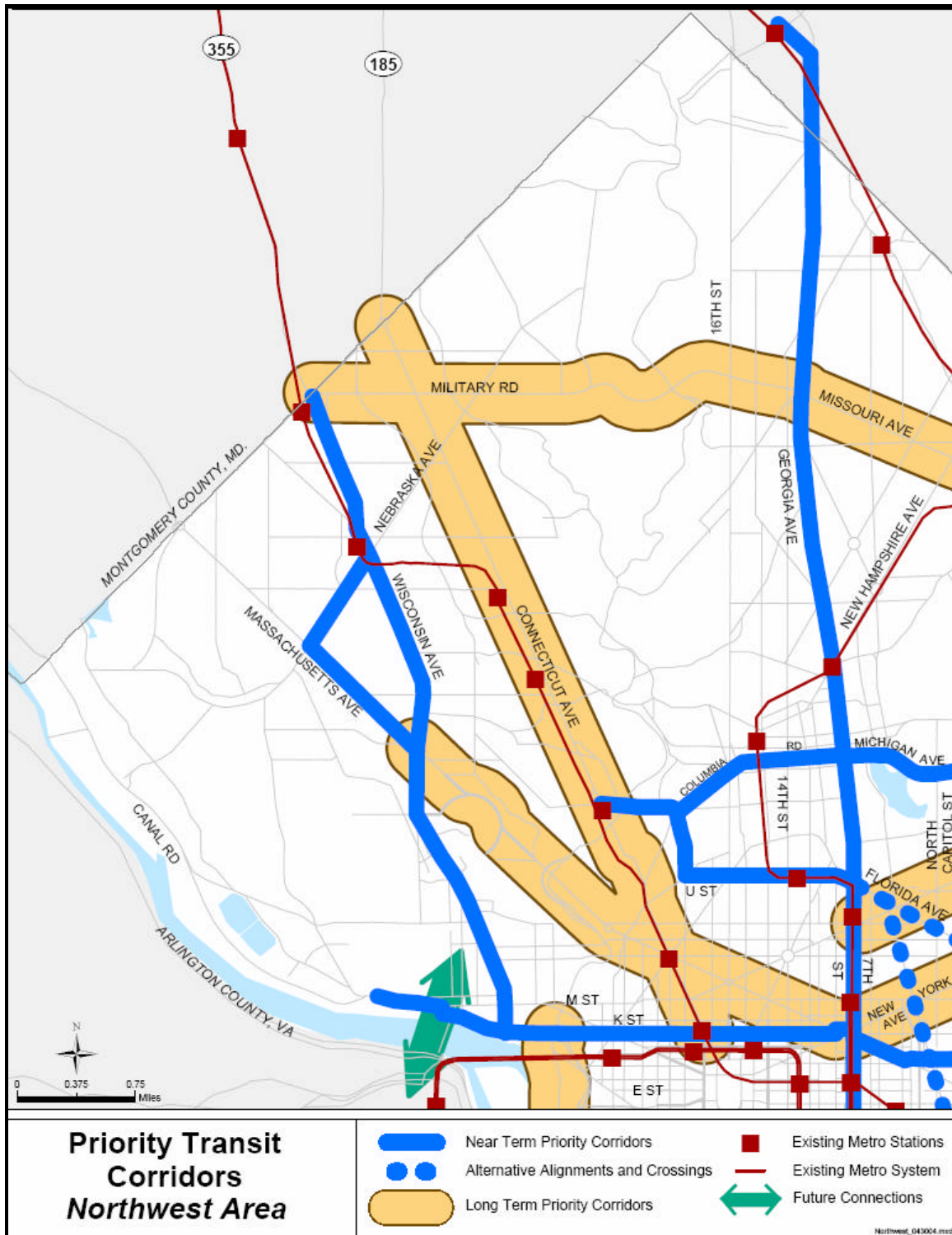
- Woodley Park to Stadium Armory
- Georgetown to Stadium Armory
- Wisconsin Avenue from K Street to Tenleytown
- Woodley Park to Brookland
- Upper East West Corridor (Military Road and Missouri) (Upper E/W)
- Massachusetts Avenue from Dupont Circle to Nebraska Avenue (MA Ave)
- Connecticut Avenue from Dupont Circle to Van Ness (CT Ave)

The corridors are compared in Figure 3 and shown in Figure 4.

Figure 3
Northwest Corridors Comparison Matrix

	Woodley Park to Stadium Armory	Georgetown to Stadium Armory	Wisconsin Ave	Woodley Park to Brookland	Upper E/W	MA Ave	CT Ave
Access	75	100	40	75	10	50	75
Trunk	90, 92, 93	30, 32, 34, 35, 36 X's	30, 32, 34, 35, 36	H's from Brookland to Columbia Heights via Hospital Center	E2, E3 and E4 from Friendship Heights to Ivy City via Fort Totten	N2, N3, N4, N6, N7	L1, L4
METRO	none	Orange Blue	Red	none	none	none	Red
Plans	1997 1999 2001 2003	1997 1999 2001 2003	1997 1999 2003	1997 2003	1997	2003	2003
Public	●	●	◐	◐	◐	●	●
Growth	Adams Morgan 14th and U	H Street	None	Adams Morgan Mt. Pleasant McMillan Reservoir Columbia Heights	none	Dupont Circle	Dupont Circle
Streets	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Riders	16,000	23,000, 16,000	23,000	14,000	7,000	4,000	5,000

Figure 4
Northwest Corridors



Near Term Priority Corridors

Each of the near term priority corridors in this section of the city has significant bus ridership and has been recommended for future transit investments in at least two previous studies. Woodley Park to Stadium Armory and Georgetown to Stadium Armory are both mixed-use corridors with significant redevelopment activity. Wisconsin is largely a commercial corridor, and Woodley Park to Brookland is a largely residential corridor, but both provide the opportunity to serve critical destinations. Although the Wisconsin Avenue corridor has not been designated by District offices for future development efforts, it does connect two major destinations: Georgetown and the National Cathedral. Similarly, the Woodley Park to Brookland Corridor would connect the Washington Hospital Center to both ends of the Metrorail Red line.

Long Term Priority Corridors

The Upper East/West Corridor has significant access needs and is currently served by bus service that exceeds six minute frequencies during peak periods. However, it has less than half the current ridership of the near term priority corridors and was only recommended as a corridor for future transit investment once in previous plans and studies.

Massachusetts Avenue and Connecticut Avenue have even less ridership than the Upper East/West Corridor, but their adjoining land uses pose the largest challenge for implementing new transit service. Both corridors are already developed, presenting a minimal potential for return on investment. In addition, Massachusetts Avenue, in particular, is adjoined by largely low density land uses, such as embassies and historic single family homes.

North

Potential corridors proposed between Rock Creek Park and New Hampshire Avenue north of downtown include:

- Silver Spring to Anacostia via Georgia Avenue/7th Street
- 14th Street NW from Aspen to K Street
- 16th Street NW from Silver Spring to K Street

The corridors are compared in Figure 5 and shown in Figure 6.